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Changes made to skatepark after surveillance concerns

CRIME PREVENTION OFFICER SAYS PROPOSED PARK IS NOT IN RIGHT LOCATION

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CHANGES have been made to the design of the proposed £150,000 skatepark in Lyme Regis after concerns were raised about its location, surveillance, lighting and potential graffiti by a crime prevention officer.

Debbie Oldfield, crime prevention and design advisor at Bournemouth Police Station, said she felt the proposed skatepark was not in the right location at the far end of Charmouth Road car park, and this coupled with the two-metre high wall which would surround it, meant that no one could easily see into the facility.

She suggested that the park should ideally be situated closer to Charmouth Road, where there would be constant "natural surveillance" by passing traffic and it would be in clear view of neighbouring houses.

Despite her concerns over surveillance, Ms Oldfield objected to the use of the proposed webcam in the park, as she felt this may be a breach of local authority data protection laws and would place youths at risk as they would not know who was looking at the camera feed.

She suggested that CCTV would be a good alternative but this would be subject to good lighting and picture quality.

Ms Oldfield also suggested that the skatepark should be lit so youths have somewhere safe to skate and meet their friends, which could be set on a timer as to not cause issues with local residents.

The planting of aggressive plants such as pyracantha on any grass banks was also suggested to help reduce maintenance costs and prevent skaters from climbing on the banks to graffiti the walls and to stop them using the bank as an extra ramp.

Summarising her concerns, Ms Oldfield wrote: "Although I would not object to the skatepark I do have strong concerns in relation to the safety of the youths using the park as there will be no natural surveillance into the park as it is surrounded by a two-metre high fence/wall, the park is at the furthest end of the car park and it is not lit.

Concerns have been addressed

"I also feel that the park will be under used in the autumn and winter due to these factors and may attract anti-social behaviour."

After the concerns were raised, the town council – which is funding the £150,000 project – met with Ms Oldfield, Debbie Redding from West Dorset District Council's planning department, local police and skatepark architect Wheelscape to make a small number of changes to the plans, including changes in the design and renders used.

Commenting on the "Lyme Regis Skatepark Project" Facebook page, Councillor Lucy Campbell, who has been fronting the project for years, said the changes had "addressed these concerns". There are, however, no plans to change the proposed location of the park.

The application for the skatepark was submitted on September 17th and has been met with a mixed reaction from the public. Many have described the park as a "much needed community facility" that has been more than 30 years in the waiting, while others have expressed concerns that it is not in the right location, will create safety issues and disruption to neighbours.

■ ADAPTED: The updated design showing new renders. Councillor Lucy Campbell said the changes had 'addressed concerns'

Concerns have also been raised regarding land stability in the area by structural engineer Mike Lakin, who pointed out the proposed location's proximity to Phase IV of West Dorset's coastal protection scheme, which has just been completed.

He wrote: "It is critical that the development does not compromise or conflict with WDDC's capital scheme and that drainage from the skateboard park is appropriately discharged from the site."

He also referred to West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland's draft Local Plan, which states: "New development will be directed away from areas vulnerable to coastal erosion and land instability, to avoid putting people at risk.

"Development will not be permitted in areas where it likely to be subject to land instability or potential instability unless it can be demonstrated that the site is stable or could be made stable, and that the development is unlikely to trigger landsliding, subsidence, or exacerbate erosion within or beyond the boundaries of the site."

The plans can be viewed in full at http://bit.ly/10e57B8 but are now closed for comments. Town councillors were told at last week's Strategy & Policy Committee meeting that it was hoped that the plans would be considered at the next meeting of West Dorset's Development Control Committee, but they are currently not included on the agenda for February 12th.

Speaking at last week's meeting, Councillor Cheryl Reynolds, who raised more than £10,000 for the project as a member of the Skatepark Fundraising Committee, asked that the volunteer group be given regular updates on the park by the council, "rather than having to read about it on Facebook".

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BRIDPORT residents Louise Ramsden and Heather Hamer are the driving force behind the upcoming Bridport Wildcats strike project.

Louise has lived in Bridport for 12 years and works part-time as an administrator/book keeper for an educational and technical software business with her husband Neil. She has also done voluntary work for the Bridport Oxfam shop, Bridport Citizens Advice Bureau and South West Dorset LETS scheme.

Heather moved to Bridport 18 months ago. She previously worked as a medical secretary and teaching basic reading and writing in a Young Offenders institution. She reinvented herself as a songwriter some six years ago and plans to continue writing in Bridport.

● COULD you tell me a bit more about the 1912 Bridport Wildcats project? What will it involve?
On Saturday, February 14th at about 10.15am we will gather in Bucky Doo Square, Bridport, in our 1912 costumes and then sing songs, led by our excellent town crier Jane Silver-Corren, just as the original women did, including the Suffragette anthem "Shoulder to Shoulder ". We will then march through the streets to Amsafe (the old Gundry's factory) where we will have our photo taken by local female photographer Rachel Dunford in the same place they did in 1912.

Our aim is to highlight this little known aspect of Bridport's social/industrial/women's history, contemporary issues of equality and to have a bit of fun singing and dressing up! In addition we have been really pleased with the many spin-offs inspired by the project - singing, song-writing, a marvelous exhibition of women artists called Cre8 at the Chapel in the Garden and a play written about the women by Maya Peris of Story traders.

You can find out more on our Facebook page Bridport Wildcats 1912 or email ler@neilramsden.co.uk it is not too late if you want to join us.

● WHAT inspired you both to get involved and organise the 1912 Bridport Wildcats project?
Louise: I went to a fascinating talk by Carlos Guarita about a local photographer, Clarence Austin. There were some wonderful photographs of women net workers who in February 1912, staged a wildcat (not organised by a union) strike and protested on the streets of Bridport about unfairness at their workplace. The dignity and camaraderie of the women really struck a chord and I thought we could celebrate this spirit by re-staging the photos with modern women in costume.

Heather: Louise told me about the recreating the

photograph and I loved her enthusiasm. I felt I wanted to celebrate the feisty women net-workers of Bridport who stood up to the bosses, and the way the town supported them.

● ARE you both working on projects apart from the Wildcat strike?
No, Wildcats is taking up pretty much all of our time at the moment.

● WHAT do you both like doing in your spare time?
Louise: I like walking, dancing, swimming and Tai Chi. I also love reading, cryptic crosswords and doing a bit of calligraphy. I am a member of the Bridport Film Society and support Bridport Arts Centre.

Heather: I like reading, walking, writing, visiting the town's coffee shops, researching my own family tree, also researching local history. I also support Bridport Arts Centre. After this project I'm going to take it easy and just enjoy the area for a while - though I'm always open to discovering new projects. I was involved (with my ex-partner) in two recording projects last year for Bridport FM - the "Love to Sing" project for local amateur singers, and a collaboration of songs/stories written by the local creative writing group, The Story Traders.

● WHAT drew you both to the area?
Louise: We have family in Hampshire and Cornwall and Dorset was a good point in between both. But really it was the sheer beauty of the landscape that drew us to Bridport. We also loved the local shops like Leakers & Fruits of the Earth, we thought it would be a really good place to bring up our children and indeed it has been.

Heather: I have lived in Bridport for 18 months, drawn here by the creative spirit I found here, and the sense of community. I'm now officially a pensioner, though am outgoing and love meeting new people and getting involved in new projects. There's so much to do in Bridport, sometimes the difficulty is choosing which activity to go with! This is my first time living in a small community, and I love living here. I enjoy living near the coast; I love walking on my own at Burton Bradstock.

● DO you have any more projects lined up for the future? What would you like to do?
We will be doing something about the Wildcats at the Rope Walk Fair in May, with the Museum. I hope this event will continue to inspire people to stand up for their rights, there is still a lot to be done with a 19 per cent pay gap and women being disproportionately effected by the growth of zero hours contracts and the low pay offered for vital jobs like caring, in our community. But I think I also need to get on with all the things I've been neglecting whilst organising this event!

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Council agrees to more than £15,000 funding for B Sharp over three years

YOUTH MUSIC ORGANISATION IS 'FEATHER IN OUR CAP', SAYS LEAD COUNCILLOR

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LYME Regis Town Council has agreed to offer funding of more than £15,000 to local youth music organisation B Sharp over the next three years.

B Sharp chairman Ayvin Rogers previously requested funding from the council at a meeting in September last year, when he said the organisation was expected to see a financial shortfall of £6,000 in 2014-15 and £5,000 in subsequent years.

The request was put before last week's Strategy & Policy Committee, which was asked to fund a shortfall of £5,473 up until May 2015, when B Sharp is hoping to receive its next grant from Youth Music, as well as a further £5,000 in each of the two following years to help run the group's weekly music sessions at The Hub.

Several councillors spoke of their high regard for the work of B Sharp when considering the request.

Councillor Lucy Campbell commented: "I wholeheartedly support this. The work that B Sharp does it vital in this town. Youth provision in the town has not been the best in previous years and I would be really sad to see this diminish in any way."

She was backed by Councillor Terry O'Grady who commented on the success of B Sharp's recent singing project, culminating in a well-supported concert at Exeter Cathedral.

"I think B Sharp is worth every penny," he added.

The Mayor, Councillor Sally Holman, commented on how well-run the organisation was and Councillor Mark Gage said it was a "feather in our cap" to have B Sharp based in Lyme Regis.

Councillor Michaela Ellis also said she fully supported B Sharp, but asked what would happen if the expected grant from Youth Music was not forthcoming.

Mr Rogers said: "If we didn't get the money of course it would be a serious blow to the next few years."

However, he added that the money that B Sharp was requesting from the council was to continue the weekly music sessions and developmental work at The Hub, where as a grant from Youth Music would be for specific projects.

Councillors agreed to offer £5,473 for the period up until May 2015, £5,000 for 2015-16 and a further £5,000 for 2016-17.

COUNCIL DATES

- Wednesday, February 18th - Full Council, 7pm
- Weds, February 25th - Town Management, 7pm

Final plans made ahead of lucrative car park takeover

LYME Regis Town Council is making final arrangements for taking back the management of Monmouth Beach car park in April.

The lucrative Monmouth Beach car park has been leased to West Dorset District Council for more than 20 years, with the town council running Cabanya car park on the opposite side of the road separately.

In 2012 it was agreed that the lease would come to an end in 2015 and the town is due to take over the running of the car park in April, creating a substantial boost in income.

Councillors agreed on ticket prices and charging times last week, describing it as "the last of the logistical things" ahead of the takeover.

It was decided that drivers would be charged £1 an hour for parking in both Monmouth Beach and Cabanya car parks between 8am and 6pm, except in July and August when charges will apply until 9pm.

Councillors felt this would be a "good compromise" to make the most out of the peak season whilst also supporting businesses at the Cobb and residents who wanted to drive to the beach in the evenings. Some councillors also felt there was no point charging drivers after 6pm for most of the year because of the lack of enforcement in the evenings.

Charges in Cabanya car park currently apply until 9pm and until 6pm in Monmouth all year round.

Councillors were also informed that the existing ticket machines would be retained, although they would have to be updated to accept a new pound coin due to be released in 2017.

Councillor George Symonds suggested that the council upgraded the machines to those which can accept credit and debit cards, which would save money on cash handling and would already be prepared to accept the new pound coin.

However, Councillor Terry O'Grady said he had heard there had been several problems with the new machines, causing long queues and people leaving in frustration.

■ TOWN councillors have increased charges for non-resident and commercial permits for Woodmead Halls car park, after concerns were raised that too many spaces were being taken up by permit holders.

Councillor Michaela Ellis reported last week that the number of resident, non-resident and commercial permits currently issued totalled 103 and there were 260 spaces available at Woodmead Halls. Deputy town clerk Mark Tredwin added that 555 free winter permits had been issued to residents, meaning those who paid for annual residents' permits were effectively only paying for six months.

Councillors were concerned that the current charge of £370 for an annual commercial permit, mainly used by holiday accommodation rental companies to offer to their customers, was too low in comparison to the amount of money made from holiday lets.

It was agreed to increase the price of commercial permits to £450 a year and non-resident permits, mainly used by second homeowners, from £250 to £275 a year.

Residents' permits will remain at the same price of £160 a year, and hourly, daily and weekly charges for the car park will also remain the same.

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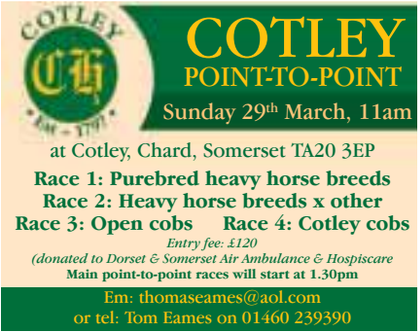

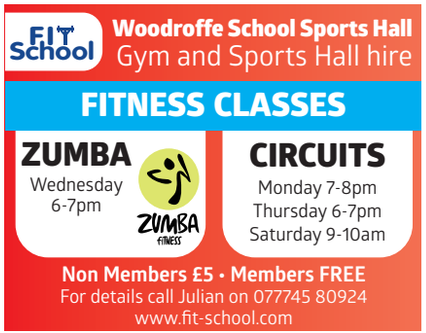

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Council bosses to act on Dorset Waste Partnership overspend

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COUNCIL leaders have blasted the Dorset Waste Partnership for its "unacceptable" budget overspend and have promised to take urgent action to straighten out its finances.

An emergency plan has been put in place to keep a close watch on the way budgets are set in the future, after bosses overspent by a total of £2.76 million this year.

All levels of the partnership's management will be thoroughly investigated, with tighter controls on the hire of vehicles - the costs of which amount to around half of the DWP's overspend.

Council chiefs now say "stringent measures" are in place to prevent future financial problems and restore confidence in the project.

Councillor Anthony Alford, chairman of the Dorset Waste Partnership Joint Committee, said: "The unexpected increase in the DWP overspend is unacceptable to partner councils, who joined together to deliver better services for local people at a reduced cost.

"Stringent measures are now in place to prevent future inaccuracy and restore partners' confidence."

The DWP was formed in 2011 and consists of all seven of Dorset's local authorities. It is responsible for managing waste, boosting recycling rates and providing street-cleaning services.

Last year an overspend of £2.3 million was discovered, triggering a rigorous investigation of the DWP budget.

But since then, a further £492,000 of previously unbudgeted costs – including an additional £300,000 on hire vehicles alone – were identified.

The costs making up the total overspend include:

- hire vehicles (£1.3m)
- operational staffing costs, including agency fees (£556,000);
- disposal costs for the increased total amount of household waste (£441,000);
- falling prices for recyclable materials, reducing income (£284,000);
- vehicle parts and maintenance (£115,000);
- two external reviews into the DWP (£52,000);
- other minor variances (£13,000).

Further scrutiny is to come, with the joint committee due to consider the recommendations of two more independent reviews – by the South West Audit Partnership, and Local Partnerships (jointly owned by the Treasury and the Local Government Association) – at its next meeting.

A third, wider-ranging external review is also expected to take place later this year, though details are still to be finalised.

Councillor Alford added: "Councillors will carefully consider the recommendations from the independent reviews to agree the necessary actions and future direction.

"Dorset councils remain committed to working together to provide the best possible waste services for the best possible value during these very challenging times."

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Vandals break into house

POLICE are appealing for information after vandals broke into a house in Bridport and splashed paint across its walls.

Officers are urging witnesses to come forward following the incident, which happened between 10:30pm on Friday (February 6th) and 4pm on Saturday (February 7th). The intruders forced their way through the back door of the semi-detached house in Allington Mead, before vandalising the property.

A spokesperson for Dorset Police said the offenders "damaged the inside of the house with paint".

The force says it is investigating the incident as a 'burglary', although officers on the scene reported that nothing had been stolen.

Police Constable Neil Gauden, of Bridport Police, said: "I am appealing to anyone who may have information about this incident or saw anyone acting suspiciously in this area at the time to contact me in confidence on 101.

"I would also urge residents to ensure windows and doors are locked and secured."

Witnesses and anyone with information is advised to call Dorset Police on the 101 non-emergency number, quoting incident number 7:265.

Alternatively, witnesses can call the free and anonymous Crimestoppers line on 0800 555 111.

News in a Nutshell

Amnesty to screen series of human rights films

THE Lyme Regis branch of Amnesty International will show "The Unknown Known" on Monday, February 16th at 5pm.

Released in May, Errol Morris' 95-minute film is a gripping exploration of the career and philosophy of former US Secretary of Defense, Donald Rumsfeld. Using declassified memos, Morris guides Rumsfeld through a discussion of his controversial career as a high-level executive under four different Republican presidents. Topics such as Vietnam, the Cold War, Desert Storm and the War on Terror are all examined through the words of one of America's most divisive and complex public figures.

"The Unknown Known" is one of a series of films with a human rights theme that the group will be showing on an ongoing basis.

The event will be held at Hallett Court, Queen's Walk, and admission and parking is free. If you would like to be notified of future films and other Amnesty events email organiser tilly@universalworkshop.com or call 01297 445707.

Bug hunting with National Trust

THE National Trust will be hosting a drop-in event for families at its Lyme Regis shop on Marine Parade on Tuesday, February 17th from 11am to 3pm.

Come and hunt for some bugs and see what is the creepiest crawly you can find as part of the trust's "50 Things to Do Before You're 11 and Three Quarters" campaign.

For more information visit the website www.nationaltrust.org.uk/golden-cap

Valentine's Day disco in Uplyme

A VALENTINE'S Day disco will be held at Uplyme Village Hall on Saturday, February 14th from 7.30pm to 11.45pm.

The event will raise funds for the hall with music by Wessex Discos. Entry will cost £5 and the bar will be open.

New landlord takes helm at The Ship

LYME Regis' longest-serving landlord, Dave Henson from The Ship Inn, has retired and his brother has taken over the popular pub.

After more than two decades at The Ship Inn in Coombe Street, Mr Henson and his wife Mary have handed over the pumps to his brother, Alan, and sister-in-law Virginia, due to Dave's ill health.

Alan and Virginia have moved to Lyme Regis from London, where Alan was a self-employed roofer and Virginia was PA to a top civil servant in a major government department.

The couple got married in Lyme Regis just before Christmas and now they're running The Ship, which is their first pub.

Alan said: "It's been quite a change for us, really, and a good change. We're very happy."

Virginia added: "We've always loved Lyme Regis and I did harbour a dream that one day we'd end up living down here. Sometimes we have to pinch ourselves, because we think 'are we really here?'"

Alan and Virginia have often been down to help Dave in the past, so they know the area, the pub, the locals – and The Ship's owners, Palmers Brewery. The couple are looking forward to getting The Ship repainted, improving its small garden, and building on the pub's reputation for a good pint. Alan recently scored top marks on his surprise first inspection by Cask Marque.

He said: "We're getting a reputation for having a real, nice pint and that's the way I want to keep it. I clean the lines after every single barrel and before a new barrel goes on, I always try a little bit to make sure it goes out lovely to the punters."

There are no plans at present to introduce food beyond crisps, nuts and other sundries.

Nor will the clocks change.

As Virginia explains: "They're all half an hour fast. Dave called it London time, because he reckoned that London time is half an hour ahead of Lyme Regis time. It's a running joke."

■ TAKING THE HELM: New landlords at The Ship Inn, Alan and Virginia Henson

"All the locals know," added Alan. "If we were to put the clocks right it would really confuse them, I can assure you."

Virginia commented: "Everyone's been so nice and that's how we want things to be - good, friendly and fun."

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'No movement of concern' at Monmouth Beach

COUNCIL AGREES TO CONSIDER 'OPEN AND ACCOUNTABLE' POLICY AFTER REFUSING TO REVEAL COST OF LANDSLIP WORKS

By FRANCESCA EVANS
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DESPITE evidence of recent landslips at Monmouth Beach and Ware Cliffs in Lyme Regis, town councillors have been told there has been "no movement of concern" in the area.

Work has already started to remove weight from Ware Cliff landslips, to move this material onto the "toe" of the slip at Monmouth Beach, build a retaining wall at the rear of the harbourmaster's store and to realign the access road to Monmouth Beach to service 11 new chalets due to be built closer to the sea, after previous ones were destroyed by landslides and in last year's ferocious storms.

Councillors made the decision to go ahead with the works at a private meeting in January after hearing from geotechnical engineer Peter Chapman that there had been no significant land movement in recent months. But evidence of new slips around Monmouth Beach and on Ware Cliffs has since become visible and has generated much interest on social networking websites.

District and county councillor Daryl Turner, who has been keeping a close eye on the recent movement, last week said Monmouth Beach was "potentially the most unsustainable site in the UK".

Now his sister, town councillor Cheryl Reynolds, has also expressed her concern, saying that the council made its decision to go ahead with works based on land stability "which is now in doubt".

Speaking at last week's Strategy & Policy Committee meeting, she asked for an update on the situation at Monmouth Beach.

Committee chairman Mark Gage said Monmouth Beach was not on the agenda but he was happy for an update to be brought to a future meeting.

However, he added: "To the best of my knowledge, after the unanimous decision taken at full council last month, the contract was awarded and work has commenced."

Councillor Reynolds replied: "I am really concerned about all the movement that's going on down there when we based our decision on the fact that there had been no movement."

Open and accountable

Councillor Gage: "We obviously will be watching that during the course of any works and anything that takes place that affects those works will be taken into account.

"We have recently had another report from our surveyor that stated since his previous report there has been no movement of concern."

Councillor Reynolds: "I can't believe that because I've been down there and seen it myself."

Later in the meeting, when carrying out an annual review of the council's standing orders, Councillor Reynolds asked that they adopt the "Open and accountable local government" document, a guide to dealing with the press and public, in light of the council's recent decision not to release the total cost of the works at Monmouth Beach - thought to be in the region of £140,000.

Councillors felt it was not fair for them to be asked to vote on whether or not to include the document in standing orders that night, as they had not been given the opportunity to read it.

Councillor Gage said: "What we have been advised by the National Association of Local Councils in terms of open and accountable local government is incorporated here [in standing orders].

"It may be that this document is of use to us and makes good sense but it would be unwise of us to adopt a document that the majority of us have not looked at."

■ CHERYL REYNOLDS: Calling for council to adopt 'openness and accountable' policy after refusing to reveal total cost of Monmouth Beach

Councillor Anita Williams, who has publicly said that she would like the Monmouth Beach figure to be released, agreed but added: "Generally on release of information we clearly have some ground to cover and I suggest we don't jump to any decision. It's no surprise to anybody that I'm of the view that we should be releasing more information, but we need to get proper legal advice."

Councillor Gage said he would like to echo Councillor Williams' sentiments regarding openness with the public, adding: "It is something we need to review and we need to make sure that the processes we are using are fit for purpose and meet the expectations of the general public."

It was agreed to accept the standing orders as they were and that councillors would read through the document and consider this at a future meeting.

■ IN light of the recent controversy regarding the awarding of a contract for works at the Monmouth Beach and Ware Cliff area, Lyme Regis Town Council released the following statement to "clarify issues", but have still yet to release the total cost of the works, thought to be in the region of £140,000.

Lyme Regis Town Council would like to clarify some of the issues that have been raised about the recently-awarded contract to undertake works to Monmouth Beach and Ware Cliff.

In considering the proposed works, the town council asked its officers to prepare a business case which detailed the payback period for these works.

The works contain three elements; removing earth from Ware Cliff and re-siting it at the foot of the cliffs on Monmouth Beach; building a retaining wall adjacent to the harbourmaster's store; and re-routing the access road to Monmouth Beach.

Removing the earth from Ware Cliff is aimed at protecting the chalets in this part of the site, and re-siting it at the foot of the Monmouth Beach cliffs is a more cost-effective way of dealing with the earth than removing it from site.

Councillor Anita Williams, who chaired the council meeting on 7 January 2015 which awarded the works' contract, said: "The total income the council receives from its chalet and caravan park and harbourmaster's store is £177,000 per annum and it makes sense to take reasonable steps to protect this income."

There has been particular interest in the part of the project that involves re-routing the Monmouth Beach access road and about whether or not this represents good value for money for the council.

Councillor Williams said: "Eleven chalet sites are available on the beach and those who have been allocated sites have been asked to make a contribution of £4,000 to the cost of re-routing the access road. This contribution roughly equates to the cost of this part of the project so no cost falls on local council tax payers.

"In addition to asking for a contribution of £4,000 towards the cost of these works, the council has also increased the rent it charges for the new chalet sites as well as introducing a parking charge of £350 per annum."

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Frozen fans fill the Regent for charity sing-along

ELSAS, Annas and Olafs were out in full force on Sunday, as hundreds of children dressed as their favourite characters from Disney's hit film "Frozen" gathered in the Regent Cinema in Lyme Regis for a sing-along screening.

Children were greeted by Princesses Elsa and Anna, played by Lyme residents Nicky Sweetland and Kelly Apps, as they arrived at the cinema and were given goody bags with props to use throughout the film.

After taking their seats in the auditorium, Elsa and Anna sang some of the popular tunes from the musical film, including "Do You Want to Build a Snowman?" and "Let It Go". Prizes were then awarded for the best costumes before the lights dimmed for the film.

The sing-along screening was a fundraising event organised by Kilmington Primary School PTFA. It was not known how much was raised at the time of going to press.

■ LET IT GO: Children and parents join in with their favourite songs from Frozen. Left, Princesses Elsa and Anna played by Nicky Sweetland and Kelly Apps with fancy dress winners

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Young sailor rewarded for hard work with his own dinghy

A LYME Regis Sailing Club youth members has been rewarded for his enthusiasm and hard work with his very own Laser dinghy.

Max Smith, from Uplyme, has proved his commitment to sailing during training with the club's youth section over the past four years.

He moved onto the race group last year when he was loaned one of the club's two Royal Yachting Association (RYA) granted Lasers, and took part in coaching sessions and also crewed for experienced sailors throughout the year.

Mac (pictured right) is now booked for further coaching at the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy.

Lyme Regis Sailing Club commodore Jerry Rook, himself a top class sailor and racing coach, commented: "Helping youngsters to develop their racing skills once they've mastered the basics is important to us as a club.

"If they are really keen, we can help them progress and we're delighted to see Max now has his own Laser.

"Our RYA Lasers are now on loan to other promising youth members."

The club runs training for youth member beginners and improvers, as well as race training for the more competent helms. Sessions are very popular with local youngsters and places quickly fill up.

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Year of fundraising at The George totals £8,600 for Prostate Cancer UK

STAFF at The George in Charmouth were overwhelmed by support for their 2014 fundraising campaign for Prostate Cancer UK.

Last year was the first time the pub had concentrated ona single charity to raise funds for, and decided on Prostate Cancer UK and listening to many customers at the bar who had been affected by the disease.

Staff set themselves the target of raising £3,000 and started by joining the charity's "10,000 Challenge", recognising the number of men who die from prostate cancer each year, by attempting to collect 10,000 five pence pieces. The first fundraiser surpassed expectations and the pub 30,900 coins totalling £1,545 - half their target for the whole year.

Other events included weekly meat draws and raffles which, with the help of the skittles and darts teams, raised £932. An Easter bingo raised £252, a quiz night £98, £383 was raised at a cake sale and further £1,008 at a duck race.

Charmouth Fire Brigade donated half the taking from their annual car wash, totalling £200. Pub staff and regulars completed a 10,000-yard pub crawl around the area and a cheeky calendar boosted funds by a further £728.

The fundraising year finished with an auction, raising £2,025, bringing the total to an impressive £8,604.63.

Landlord Dean Herbert said: "We would like to thank everyone who contributed any help in any way, from popping five pence in the pot to giving up their spare time."

All welcome at Hub open day to view improvements to building

IT'S been three years since The Hub held its first youth cafe session and nearly 50 young people turned up to see their new space.

In order to be ready for this first opening, young people spent part of their summer holidays decorating the building and designing the logo. This community involvement has not stopped since and what a difference it has made!

The Hub is welcoming all to join in the celebration of its third year anniversary with an open day on Saturday, February 29th from 10am to 4pm, when there will be a chance to view the improvements made to the Church Street building since 2012.

A programme of activities reflecting those held on a weekly basis in The Hub will be on offer, including a "beat the goalie" game as part of Lyme Regis Football Club's youth section training.

Local youth music organisation B Sharp, which runs weekly sessions at The Hub, will be offering taster sessions in the music room, while Lyme Regis Majorettes demonstrate baton skills and perform routines.

In the afternoon Target TAG Tae Kwon-Do will give taster sessions for young people and adults, while the Helen O'Grady Drama Academy will show young children how drama is fun and creative.

There wil also be the chance to get creative with arts and craft activities throughout the day. Refreshments will be available and the games corner will also be open.

For more information about hiring The Hub or any of the activities, call Diane at Lyme Regis Development Trust on 01297 445021, email diane@lrdt.co.uk or visit www.hublyme.co.uk

Seaside community room to be let as cafe

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THE Lister room on Lyme Regis seafront will be leased as a café in future after councillors agreed operating the facility as a venue for community events had been unsuccessful.

The Lister room was one of two community rooms to open as part of the refurbished shelters complex on Marine Parade in 2011 but has since been underused and failed to prove itself as commercially viable.

In May last year, town councillors agreed to look at alternative uses for both rooms, with the Langmoor room to be equipped as a classroom for visiting schools as well as remaining available for community groups, and the Lister to be rented out as a café.

At last week's Strategy & Policy Committee meeting, final approval was given for officers to draw up a long-term lease for use of the room as a café, with use of the patio area directly outside when weather permits. A marketing document will now be drawn up for any potential tenders and the successful applicant will be required to seek planning permission for change of use of the room and obtain any relevant licenses before commencing any commercial operation.

It is suggested that any commercial businesses should not operate in the premises after 10pm or before 7am. In their business plans, tenders will be expected to detail the types of products they will be selling.

Councillor George Symonds said he was concerned that drawing up a lease could be a "waste of time" as any applicant may be refused planning permission, and he suggested that the council take some pre-application advice from West Dorset before moving forward.

Councillor Michaela Ellis said she was "dead against" the idea of a café operating from the room, adding: "A lot of consultation went into this when it opened down there and the public wanted a community room."

Councillor Terry O'Grady replied: "They still have the Langmoor room. I have never seen both rooms being used at the same time, it's a waste of a room."

Councillor Ellis argued that both rooms had been in use at the same time, and added that the council had previously considered plans to redevelop Lister Gardens with a café and public toilets, which would be in direct competition with any potential café in the Lister room if they went ahead with both ideas.

However, councillors agreed to go ahead with plans to draw up the lease and advertise for tenders for the Lister room.

■ BON VOYAGE: Lyme Regis/Barfleur Twinning Association pictured on one of their previous trips to France

Twinners to host soup dinner social

MEMBERS of the Lyme Regis/Barfleur Twinning Association are staging a social evening and soup supper on Friday, February 20th.

Friends and family are invited, but it is also hoped to attract new members to the event, to be held at the lifeboat station at the Cobb starting at 7pm for 7.30pm.

Twinning association chairman John Dover said: "Other than perhaps a raffle this is not intended as a fundraising event, so there is no entry fee and everyone is welcome.

"It is an opportunity for us to meet, and hopefully welcome, new – and potentially new – members in a relaxed setting."

Committee members will be supplying soup and crusty bread, and visitors are asked to bring cheese or a dessert and their own drinks.

Anyone intending to come along to the social evening is asked to notify John Dover by February 17th by emailing jonner.dover@hotmail.com or call 07769 655 362.

The twinning association's annual meeting is planned for March 6th at 7pm also at the lifeboat station.

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Rotarians say thanks for lifeboat's safety cover at successful Lunge

■ THE Rotary Club of Lyme Regis presented a cheque for £200 to the town's lifeboat crew today on Sunday to say "thanks you" for their help during the hugely successful Lyme Lunge on New Year's day. The crew provided safety cover for the event, in which 320 revellers took to the chilly sea in what the Rotary Club said was the best-ever Lyme Lunge. The event raised a total of £4,500 for Help for Heroes. Rotary Club social organiser and former member of the lifeboat crew, Jim Moseley, handed the lifeboat donation to members of the crew at Sunday's training session.

False alarm as lifeboat called to 'drifting tender'

LYME Regis lifeboat crew was launched at 5.27pm on Sunday evening following a report of a drifting tender south west of the harbour.

After some 20 minutes the search for the tender was called off and the report was recorded a false alarm with good intent.

After being tested at the crew's training session earlier that day, the shout in the evening was the first when the new siren on the station was used to alert the public that the lifeboat was launching.

Crew calls for new volunteers...

VOLUNTEERS who run the lifeboat station in Lyme Regis are seeking two more senior members of the team.

The role of deputy launching authority (DLA) involves joining the management team and taking responsibility for launching the lifeboat in an emergency.

Ideally, the new recruits should live and work within eight minutes travelling time of the lifeboat station.

Lifeboat operations manager Grahame Forshaw said: "The DLA is a crucial role, and he or she essentially deputises for me, authorising the launching of the lifeboat in consultation with the coastguards.

"It's challenging and rewarding voluntary work and currently involves four days on 24-hour call once or twice a month. A DLA should also be sufficiently IT literate to deal with the RNLI management system."

DLAs attend at least one crew training session a month, usually on a Tuesday evening or Sunday morning, and also go to management and operational meetings. They may also arrange or attend events raising funds for the RNLI.

New members of the management team would attend a week-long residential training course at the RNLI college in Poole.

Mr Forshaw added: "Maritime experience is not essential, but would help, and the DLA also needs to assist with management of the lifeboat station administration and the crew."

Anyone interested in the DLA role should contact Adrian Ragbourne at adrian@ragbourne.com or call him on 07713 023670.

... and help also needed in the shop!

THE RNLI's record-breaking charity shop in Lyme Regis is looking for more help from volunteers as the tourist season approaches.

The shop, on the historic Cobb and next to the lifeboat station, has been second in recent years in the league for turnover out of all the charity's outlets in the UK. Last year it was ranked fourth.

Now the RNLI is keen to recruit more volunteers for the successful shop, currently closed for the winter season, to deal with such tasks as stock management, banking, rotas and other assistance.

Amanda Woods, visitor experience manager for the RNLI in the South West, said: "The shop in Lyme Regis is incredibly successful and has a great team of enthusiastic volunteers.

"But there are some areas which need special attention and these are where we could do with additional help.

"The volunteers tell me they thoroughly enjoy working in the shop and meeting visitors from all over the world.

"Our shops are very important to us and we want to continue our high profile in beautiful areas such as Lyme Regis."

Anyone interested in helping out at the shop should contact Amanda Woods by emailing amanda_woods@rnli.org.uk

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Newly-named musical theatre group take on challenging 'Evita'

LYME Regis Operatic Society has changed its name to Lyme Regis Musical Theatre to better reflect the type of shows it stages, including the upcoming production of "Evita" in May.

The society has been successfully running for 95 years but in recent times has moved more towards musical shows, rather than light operettas, and members felt it was time to change its name to reflect this.

Recent choices of shows have been well-received by audiences and the society hopes local people will continue to support them. The group has recently attracted some younger members and hopes the change of name will encourage even more to join.

Rehearsals for the society's take on Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Evita", one of the society's most challenging productions in recent years - to be staged at the Marine Theatre from May 11th to 16th - have just started but it is not too late to get involved. In particular, the society is looking for more men to audition for the production but welcomes all interested.

The show tells the true story of Eva Perón, the second wife of Colonel Perón, president of Argentina from 1946 to 1952, who was more commonly known amongst her followers by the affectionate Spanish diminutive, Evita.

Brought up a commoner mainly by her mother, in the absence of her father who had more time for his other middle class family, Evita swore to make it her life's mission to save the poor and ridicule upper classes after being snubbed at her father's funeral.

After her rise to fame and political influence, she was hailed a saint by her people for her success in assisting the poor to thrive in a country where the middle and upper classes had allowed them to wallow in poverty, and for her charity work championing women's suffrage.

Attracted criticism

But her success later came under scrutiny when it appeared that money from her foundation was making its way into anonymous offshore accounts. Her harshest critics also claimed she "slept her way to the top".

Evita eventually ran for the position of Vice-President of Argentina, but opposition from the military and her declining health forced her to withdraw her candidacy shortly before her death from cervical cancer, aged just 33.

So famous is the story of her short life, that her embalmed bodied disappeared for 17 years and it is believed that Perón himself had removed and protected it from the masses, who broke into hysterics following her death.

Lloyd Webbers' show first hit the West End stage in 1978, including favourite tune "Don't Cry for Me Argentina", winning the Laurence Olivier Award for Best Musical. It went to Broadway a year later and was the inspiration for the 1996 film adaptation, starring Madonna and Antonio Banderas.

The show centres around the life and time of Evita, both privately and politically right up until her death, and is driven along by the narrator Che, loosely based on Marxist revolutionary Che Guevara, who debates for all sides of the political argument.

For the newly-named Lyme Regis Musical Theatre, this highly demanding part which carries most of the show is being played by Daniel Wilkins. Dan is a Lyme boy originally but has lived further into Devon for some years and is making two trips a week for rehearsals for what he describes as his "favourite show".

■ **EVA PERÓN: Former First Lady of Argentina and political activist, whose real-life story was the inspiration for musical 'Evita'. Right, Kelly Apps who will play her in Lyme Regis Musical Theatre's production**

The part of the strong but uncharismatic Perón is in the safe hands of Dan Edwards, who is fast becoming a favourite on the local stage, and the demanding part of Evita, which spans across two decades of her life, is being played by Kelly Apps, a familiar face from Street family, well-known for their success in local productions.

She said: "The Perionist regime has always interested me and when asked the question 'who would you have out of anyone at a dinner party?', Eva would certainly be in the top five. Evita is one of my favourite shows.

"Eva was undoubtedly committed to her cause and her people loved her, but there was always some questions over whether her commitment would have been so strong if it were not for the personal gain, or indeed revenge, she stood to reek over those classes who had made her and her family outcasts from the start.

"That makes me question whether, in fact, most of us can be a little that way and certainly she was no different to any politician. How much good she did, I guess, is a matter of opinion, but she was undoubtedly one of the worlds most controversial political figures and I'm honoured to be playing her.

"Despite its intense subject matter, the show is full of fun and vibrance, dancing and beautiful singing and the society are excited to be doing it. We would love to welcome more members to join us on the journey - a real turning point for us as we head towards our centenary year. For this show, men are essential of all ages, both young and more mature, but we welcome all.

"It is a big challenge for the society to step away, not just from its operatic roots but also the fun, musical comedies we have become known for doing well in recent years. Evita is a massively challenging performance, not just in terms of acting, singing and dancing, but also technically, and its a Lloyd Webber - a real first for the society!

"There is a lot of dancing including salsa, samba and Argentine tango... dance rehearsals right now are starting to feel more like 'Strictly Come Dancing', it's a lot of fun and a huge challenge."

Those interested in getting involved with the production of "Evita" should contact Lyme Regis Musical Theatre chairman Jo Hopkins on 01297 442134 for details of rehearsals.

The society will also be holding a quiz night to raise funds for the production on Wednesday, February 11th at the Nag's Head, 8pm start. Teams of up to six people will be welcomed for £2 per person.

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Why Simple Simon has no penny

ANOTHER VIEW...

with monthly columnist Chris Boothroyd

"ANY intelligent fool can invent further complications, but it takes a genius to attain simplicity." So wrote E.F. Schumacher ("Small is Beautiful") without even seeing former health minister Lansley prove his first point.

"Complexity theory", a branch of mathematics, contains an essential truth not just of biological and physical science but also of human organisation: from underlying simplicity emerges, naturally, complexity both beautiful and functional. But no government minister ever created the human eye or a butterfly's wing.

Politicians, civil servants and management consultants get it wrong by making complexity their *starting* point. Our over-complicated NHS – a multiply-fractured structure – exemplifies this blight on public life.

The main political parties are complexity-addicts. The motive is primarily financial, exploiting the false distinction between 'private' and 'public' money. False because money is, simply, money.

A small local example. The Lyme Regis Medical Centre building is largely owned by two former practice GPs, now just private landlords. NHS Property Services rents their building with taxpayer's money. In turn, NHS England has a five-year contract, around £8.5million of public funds, with Virgin Care (a private business) to provide community medical services there. This pays for the GPs, nurses, health visitors, therapists and administrators, their equipment, and the other necessities of public medical care. But some goes to Virgin's regional and national offices and shareholder dividends – all private.

The medical centre is part of the Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group that's paying £2.75million of public money to private consultants McKinsey for advice. A shrewd McKinsey employee might invest some of this in Virgin shares to gain a continuing private slice of taxpayer cash. Follow a £5 note through this system and say when it's 'public' and when it's 'private'!

The NHS alone multiplies such examples many times. Consider, for instance, the shortage of nurses, impacting on hospitals like Axminster, made worse by private nursing agencies costing hospital trusts much more than directly-employed staff.

Political irresponsibility

Complex, fragmented organisation isn't just expensive and confusing for us – it also undermines teamwork. Can directly-employed nurses, agency nurses, outsourced caterers and cleaning staff all work easily as a unit on the ward? More broadly, 'bed-blocking' in large hospitals creates queues of waiting ambulances (thus reducing availability for which the ambulance service is blamed) while beds that could unblock the RD&E are closed in Axminster – because the RD&E, Axminster and the ambulances are separate trusts with isolated budgets.

How to explain this nonsense? It's political irresponsibility. Inventing complicated systems that only insiders understand excludes the uncomprehending rest of us, shielding those in charge from informed criticism – we can only grumble, disengage and despair. But – back to the money – it gets worse.

Many hospital trusts' financial problems flow from the Private Finance Initiative (PFI), started under John Major and exploding (ironically) under Blair and Brown. Instead of government investing public money in the capital cost of a hospital or school, for example, the financing, design, construction, and long-term operation of the building is contracted to one or more private companies (say, a construction and a facility management firm) backed by banks, insurance companies or hedge funds – often foreign-owned.

Essentially, it's a very expensive national mortgage. Private investors put up the cash, then over 25 years or so are repaid by the taxpayer. *The Daily Telegraph* (hardly a socialist tract) told of a PFI company's 53 per cent profit margin last year (a successful FTSE 100 company might make six per cent) with its founder/chief executive's pay and dividends at £8.6million. A hospital in Bromley, it reported, will cost the NHS £1.2billion, over 10 times what it's worth, while for an empty Belfast school taxpayers will lose £370,000 a year until 2027.

Who would hand their mortgage provider control over decisions and costs for their home equipment purchases and maintenance, when we hear of the school charged £302 for an electric socket, five times the value of the equipment it wanted to connect?

So why these complicated schemes that emasculate the powers of hospital trusts or school governors, destroy accountability, and pass long-term costs to our children and grandchildren – along with student debt and working out how to deal with spent nuclear fuel?

Simple. Investing public money up front shows in Treasury accounts, so the annual budget deficit looks even bigger. With PFI the capital cost doesn't appear and, neater still, nor do the capital 'debts' incurred for the nation. Government borrowing initially would have been at lower interest than for PFI investors, so the public money needed to repay them over time is all the greater. But a Chancellor avoids a tax rise and looks prudent; future generations must pay for his cynical confidence trick.

It's not as if the 'risk', that favoured capitalist defence, is shifted from 'public' to 'private' – last month the private company running Hinchingbrooke Hospital walked out of the contract they didn't like. So who picks up the pieces? Or compare the widespread reluctance to pay the Living Wage: why bother, when Income Support will step in? How convenient, this risk-free version of 'market forces' reliant on socialism!

I heard you murmur "railways"? Did you mean the private rail companies, heavily subsidised by public money, with mind-bending contractual arrangements and silly fines to impose on Railtrack (also subsidised) if their trains are delayed? Government wants passengers ('private') to pay more of the costs of railways, and taxpayers ('public') to pay less. Most passengers are taxpayers: but privatised costs come from Joe Public's private wallet, not from his tax bill. Isn't the money the same colour?

So too with 'the cuts', falling most heavily on local government and making it the public scapegoat for austerity. No matter that central government is grotesquely extravagant (think abandoned IT projects): ministers can hypocritically lecture local government about yet more 'efficiency savings'. How about efficiency savings in Whitehall?

What to do? There's no 'Simple Party' in the General Election. Maybe it's time for real anger? Or perhaps focus near to home. Our own town council has become more complicated, wasteful and incomprehensible since 2011. 'Think globally, act locally.' Yes, that could be a start.

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All that good work ruined by secrecy

Lyme Matters

by Philip Evans

THIS is my first column for several months, the absence of which has flamed the rumours that I have retired or am planning to do so soon.

Handing over the editorship to my daughter Francesca recently - to be honest she's been fulfilling that role for several months now - heightened the anticipation of those who would like to see an end to this column.

When asked if I'm planning to retire, I usually reply: "Hell no, I've got two daughters to marry off!"

The truth of the matter is that I have no intention of giving up running newspapers for as long as my health allows me to carry on. I am still the boss at ***View from*** and many of you will know that I have taken on additional duties for the parent group to launch and co-mange four new newspapers in central London.

Having worked in London back in the 1980s/90s, I love the capital's media scene and I'm thoroughly enjoying what will probably be the biggest challenge of my long career.

So what have I missed during the period that this column went into hibernation? Well, things are pretty quiet on the council front (election coming, don't you know?).

There's an occasional spat between the two factions but nothing on the scale of their earlier disgraceful behaviour which showed the town in such a poor light.

If fact, I would like to start by congratulating the council. No, honestly! I think they've handled the Monmouth Beach situation regarding the replacement of the chalets that were destroyed in last year's storms rather well.

They made sure that the chalet owners would meet the cost of re-routing their road (the chalets site having been moved forward towards the sea) and put in place a scheme whereby the owners would not be able to gain a financial advantage by selling their chalets when built.

This is good local government, protecting council taxpayer's money.

But then, as this council has done so often, they shoot themselves in the foot by repeatedly refusing to release the cost of the whole contract for the Monmouth Beach work, saying the information was "commercially sensitive".

In the past the council has always released such information to the press, following the decision being made in secret session. And every other council in this area, including West Dorset District Council, operates an open procurement policy.

Because the Mayor, Sally Holman, is a chalet owner she has steered well clear of the discussions and decision making so as not to be accused of influencing the matter.

So the meeting that awarded the contract was conducted by the deputy mayor, Anita Williams, a qualified solicitor, who was all in favour of releasing the information to the press and, indeed, did so when we contacted her. Apparently, the work is costing around £140,000 - a sum which will be revealed in a few weeks' time in the council's public accounts when the contractor submits his bill.

Refusing to release the figure when it is already in the public arena will only fuel ill-informed rumours (at least I assume they are ill-informed) that the council has something to hide.

The government recently issued guidelines to local authorities about being more transparent an accountable to the public, and the Lyme councillors have already decided to study these with a possible change to their standing orders to comply with the document.

Having sought legal advice and told not to release the figure, the officers are now in a difficult position. To be fair to the council, we decided to print their statement following the controversy on page 6. It's farcical and adds nothing to what we have already published.

When this council came into existence in 2011 there was talk of more accountability and involving the public more in the decision-making process.

In reality, the opposite has been the case and it is to be hoped that when a new council is elected in May (surely it will be new?) this is one of the areas they might look to change.

Don't cry for me, Lyme Operatic...

LYME Regis Operatic Society is one of the town's oldest and most respected local organisations. Their members have been entertaining local people for 95 years and have built an enviable reputation for the standard of their productions at the Marine Theatre over the years.

But times they-are-a-changing - and the Operatic Society has now followed a trend among such groups by changing their name to the more popular Lyme Regis Musical Theatre, reflecting the move towards staging big musicals rather than operettas.

I covered my first operatic production at the Marine Theatre in 1966 - I think it was "Iolanthe". I rarely missed a show over the years, even when I was away working in London, and having grown up surrounded by the Perry family, synonymous with the Operatic Society, I was once entrusted with running the bar at their annual show.

Today, the Perry family tradition is continued by the current chairman, Johanna Hopkins (nee Perry) and she has steered the society through some difficult times and presided over the change of name.

I have never been a great Gilbert and Sullivan fan but have enjoyed enormously some of the recent shows such as "Calamity Jane" and "Mame". I have waxed lyrical over the ever-rising standard of local stage shows, both here and in Axminster, and I am sure the newly-named Lyme Regis Musical Theatre will prosper even more.

And I can't wait for this year's show "Evita", my favourite all-time musical with Kelly Apps (nee Street) in the title role.

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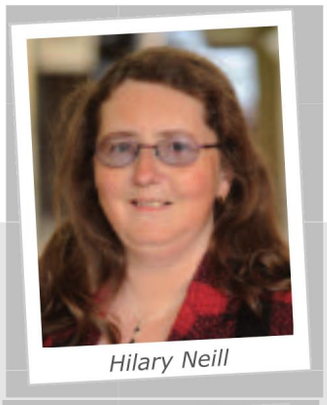
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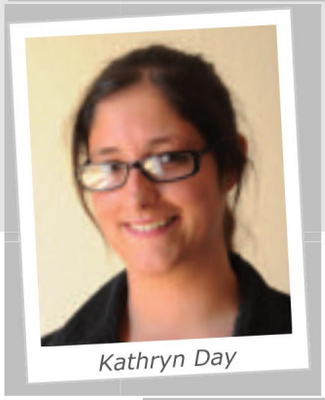
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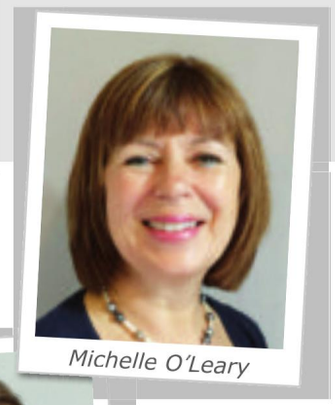
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We're confident we can achieve the required level of signatures of five per cent of all residents on West Dorset's electoral roll to trigger such a referendum.

We are a non-party-political organisation, and have offered petition forms to all the parties, and any individual or party can access a form on our website at www.publicfirstgroup.co.uk and download a copy.

Completed forms can be posted to the petition organiser (address on form) or left at a drop-off point, (named on form), in Lyme Regis, Bridport, Dorchester, Sherborne or Beaminster (more will be added). The Localism Act 2011 doesn't permit electronically transmitted signatures – all must be on the physical paper form.

The next Public First Group campaign activities are the public meetings in Bridport on Friday, February 20th, and Sherborne on Friday, February 27th. The issues being addressed are the application of Cabinet government in WDDC and the opportunity for Dorset to investigate becoming a unitary authority.

The speakers at both include the five main parties' prospective parliamentary candidates - Oliver Letwin, MP (Conservative), Peter Barton (Green Party), Rachel Rogers (Labour), Ros Kayes (Lib Dems), and David Glossop (UKIP). We await confirmation of acceptance from some other invitees.

John Grantham
Secretary, Public First Group

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New chairman announced at Lyme Regis Art Society

LYME Regis Art Society's latest meeting started with the announcement that Sue Wells would takeover as chairman following the sad death of former chairman, Edna Dorrington, in the New Year.

Sue expressed her thanks, promising to follow Edna's example in helping the society move forward. Also announced was the introduction of the video filming of demonstrators enabling their work to be viewed on a big screen and thanks went to treasurer John Glover for making this possible.

The visiting artist was Maria Barbashina, born and trained in Russia before moving to England in 2004, thus combining her classical drawing training with the more creative styles encouraged in this country. With John as a model, she talked members through the techniques of creating a portrait in charcoal, from the first delicate sketchy lines to the stronger outlines of the many planes found in the human face. She said a face should be regarded as a strange vegetable to get rid of preconceived ideas of its shapes and bring a dynamic aspect to the drawing by constantly redrawing but allowing "mistakes" to remain visible.

Members were told to think of the construction of bone under the skin, the depth of the eye-socket and the tennis ball shape of the eye itself. A measuring stick was used to check proportions, one feature against another, and the angles of the different planes, whilst the rubber was used as a drawing tool to create white space or highlights, not just to eliminate lines.

Another tip for members was to avoid drawing what they thought they knew, and to concentrate on what they could actually see, regularly standing back to compare their drawing with the model. Watching her progress up on the screen enabled members to see every stroke and to watch a marvellous likeness appear, not only of the physical features but of the character of the model.

Demonstrations are on alternate Tuesday afternoons in the Woodmead Halls, from 2pm to 4pm with four workshops a year at Lyme Regis Football Club. The next meeting is on February 17th with Sue Fawthorpe demonstrating the recycling of pictures with collage and oil pastels.

The annual subscription is £22 and potential new members and visitors are welcome. For further information, contact secretary Sheila Stratton on 01297 445464.

View from the churches

One evening recently, walking home after work, I ended up chatting to a couple of homeless people sat on a bench drinking.

I rarely do that sort of thing. I've often got some possibly lame sounding reason, such as I'm too busy or they look a bit rough or dodgy, etc.

On this particular evening though, I stopped and spent about 15 minutes with these guys, during which we chatted and had a good laugh with banter between us.

That brief stop was the highlight of the day for me. As I cycled on, it occurred to me that by walking straight past such people I'm possibly missing out on some interesting conversations. It's not just me that's potentially missing out, but I'm denying that person the chance to have some human interaction, which can be just as important as money, food, etc.

When Jesus was here on Earth he would often be found in the company of people who society in general considered undesirable in one way or another, such as crooked tax collectors or the disabled. How easy it can sometimes be to walk straight past disadvantaged people instead of spending some time in their company like Jesus did. I know that I for one will try to be more willing to stop and chat to such people in future.

A growing disadvantaged group, here and abroad, is those who are trafficked illegally. Two centuries ago, such activities were very acceptable until outlawed. The film "Amazing Grace" tells of the struggle to end the slave trade. Featuring Ioan Gruffudd as William Wilberforce, Benedict Cumberbatch as William Pitt and Albert Finney as John Newton, you are invited to a free showing of the film at 7pm on Saturday, February 21st in Bethany Chapel, Coombe Street, followed by free light refreshments.

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This escorted tour includes guided visits to the three Baltic capitals - Lithuania's Vilnius, with its stunning Old Town, Latvian treasure-chest Riga and majestic Estonian Tallinn. Included visits to beautiful Gauja National Park, Rundäle Palace and Trakai's Island Castle complete this wonderful exploration of the Baltic's sparkling jewels.

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Discover Ireland's finest scenery, in this beautiful land of rivers and loughs, towering mountains and sheltered glens, where the Irish language is still widely spoken, and traditional music rings out from the pubs and bars. The break, based in a three-star hotel, includes a visit to the astonishing Giant's Causeway.

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This wonderful holiday includes guided visits to stylish Olympic city of Barcelona and to the sacred hill-top monastery of Montserrat, Catalonia's spiritual symbol. A scenic tour of the Catalan Pyrenees completes the enjoyment.

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This wonderful value break takes in three of the most glorious cities of the former East Germany, and includes a stay in reunified Berlin, visits to historic, newly sparkling Leipzig and the famous POW castle at Colditz, and two nights in the stunning Baroque gem of Dresden, perhaps the greatest symbol of post-war restoration of all.

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Mother and daughter cancer survivors encourage others to unite for charity

LYME Regis resident Kirsten Taylor and Jan Morton have an unbreakable bond as mother and daughter, but they also share another significant experience – they are both cancer survivors.

Now the pair are joining forces to ask people to show their support for cancer patients following World Cancer Day earlier this month.

Daughter Kirsten, a sales executive with the *View From's* sister newspapers in South Somerset, and mum Jan, from Gillingham, near Shaftesbury, are calling on men, women and children to buy a Cancer Research UK "Unity Band" and wear it with pride.

The wrist band is made of two parts which form a knot to represent strength in unity. They are available in a range of colours from all Cancer Research UK shops for a suggested donation of £2.

For Kirsten and Jan, the band represents the power of people joining together to support research and crucial new discoveries which will help more people like them survive. The money raised will help Cancer Research UK scientists to beat cancer sooner.

Kirsten, 40, was diagnosed with Hodgkins lymphoma in September 2000 when she was just 24.

She said: "I had a lump under my arm but I had had a previous injury there so I wasn't too worried about it. However, my doctor decided I should have it checked straight away and a biopsy confirmed it was cancer.

"It was a huge shock and very frightening. I was just starting out in life and suddenly it felt as if all that had come to an abrupt halt."

She had surgery to remove the lump and then began six weeks of daily radiotherapy, having to give up work during this time. Kirsten was warned she would be at high risk of the cancer returning so underwent preventative treatment.

Then, as Kirsten continued with further follow-up treatment, including surgery, mum Jan was diagnosed with breast cancer.

"That was a very difficult time. Mum had been brilliant in supporting me because she is a qualified nurse and now I had to support her too," said Kirsten.

However, there was some good news to follow. Kirsten had also been told there was a high chance she would be infertile, but just as she started fertility investigation, to her delight, she found she was pregnant. Taegan was born in July 2002 and less than two years later Megan followed.

She has since raised thousands of pounds for Cancer Research UK, taking part in Race For Life including once with a double buggy when her daughters were babies and once three-legged with Taegan. Kirsten also climbed Mount Aconcagua in Argentina in 2011, raising nearly £4,000.

She added: "Going through cancer was a really, really tough time, but to get through it was great. And then to have Taegan, followed by Megan was just incredible. They are my world and having them was something I never dreamed would be possible."

Kirsten was discharged from hospital care last year.

"Initially that felt like an umbilical cord being cut, which is scary. But my oncologist said his door is always open if ever I need to go back," she said.

"I had amazing care all through my treatment and thanks to ongoing research, I have been pre-warned about secondary cancers and preventative steps I can take."

Kirsten's mum Jan, aged 68, has a very different cancer story. She was due to go for a routine mammogram in 2007 and almost didn't go due to poor weather, but her husband, Philip, persuaded her to attend the appointment.

"I'm very glad I did because it turned out I had a rare and aggressive form of breast cancer," she said.

Thankfully, the disease was caught early and after undergoing surgery, chemotherapy and radiotherapy, Jan is now back to full health.

"That's why we're both backing Cancer Research UK and encouraging everyone to get a Unity Band now," she said.

More than three people are diagnosed with cancer every hour in the South West and with cancer incidence set to rise steeply by 2030, there's still much more to do to ensure no-one's life is cut short.

Kirsten added: "I'm grateful for the treatment that saved my life and my mum's life. Now we want to do what we can to urge people to fight back against this devastating disease."

Cancer Research UK researchers have played a key role in supporting landmark advances in cancer treatment including tamoxifen for breast cancer and cisplatin for testicular cancer.

Cancer Research UK receives no government funding for its research but with help from the public, the charity aims to bring forward the day when all cancers are cured.

Lynn Daly, Cancer Research UK spokesperson for the South West, said: "If we unite; we will beat cancer sooner. Thanks to advances being made in research, a small donation can really make a big difference. Success stories like Kirsten and Jan's would not be possible without the commitment of our supporters, who fund the charity's life-saving work."

"So we are calling on people in to unite and remember those lost to cancer, celebrate the survivors, and rally in support of those currently fighting cancer.

"Every step we take towards beating cancer relies on every hour of research, every pound donated and every person who gets involved. This is a chance for everyone to make a difference and be a part of something momentous.

"So we dearly hope people of all ages across the region will pick up a Unity Band or make a small donation to Cancer Research UK. A small gesture like this can make a truly big difference and help ensure that more families stay together for longer."

For further information about Cancer Research UK campaigns, visit the website www.cruk.org

Lyme Regis Literary Festival

9th - 15th February 2015

Wednesday, February 11

The Business of Getting Published, £ Free, 2-3pm, Malthouse, Town Mill
Panel and advice for authors

Cookies and Creativity, 4-5:30pm, Aroma Cafe
KS2 workshop, £10

Love's Labour's Lost, 6:45-10:00pm, Regent Cinema
RSC Live, £9-£16

Thursday, February 12

'On Cigarette Papers' – A reading and Q&A with poet Pam Zinnemann-Hopel, 1 - 2pm
£Free, Malthouse, Town Mill

Writing your Way out of Darkness, Workshop with Tracey West and Nayna Kumari
£3, 2:30-3:30pm, Malthouse, Town Mill

How does an author build a novel? A presentation and conversation with author Leslie Tate, 4 - 5pm
£Free, Malthouse, Town Mill

Hip Yak Poetry Shack
Friday, 13 February, 8pm
£12/£10

Matt Harvey, Chris Redmond, Liv Torc, Jonny Fluffypunk Hipshack's ramshackle, interactive, comedy-poetry cabaret will offer life affirming, heart stopping, eye weepingly funny, disturbingly sexy, just disturbing, deeply moving and profoundly right-on (but not in an annoying way) spoken word entertainment. Prepare to be totally flabbergasted and very pleasantly entertained.

United we Stand
Saturday, 14 February, 7.30pm
£10/£8 LYT £1

The true story of one of the most turbulent industrial battles – the 1972 Builders' Strike. 'United We Stand' tells the story behind the dispute with popular and political songs arranged by renowned folk musician John Kirkpatrick.

Saturday, February 14

Jane Austen Tour, 11am – 12.30pm, £10pp, The Anchor, Cobb Gate car park

Cobb History Tour, 12:30pm – 1:15pm, £3.50 per person, Lifeboat Station

Lesser Known Lyme – Meet the author Joanna Smith
£Free, 2pm – 3pm, Lyme Regis Library

Mary Anning Tour, 1:30-3pm, £10/£3, Lyme Regis Museum

Sunday, February 15

A Walk with the French Lieutenant's Woman, 1pm-3:45pm, £25pp, booking required

Corn on the Cobb Saturday

What's your corniest joke? Add it to the blackboard outside the The Old Watch House Fish Shop (opposite the RNLI station), or tell us on Twitter #cornonthecobblymelitfest

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Kid's Book Nook
Town Mill Malthouse - Saturday and Sunday, 10am-4pm

Join us at the Kid's Book Nook over the weekend and enjoy some beautiful illustrations by our local authors and illustrators. There will be pencils and paper available for children to try their own hand at illustrating, and a pile of bean bags where they can relax and read from a selection of books, as well as some events to join in.

11-1pm – Who do You Think You Are? £5
Saturday and Sunday
Encouraging children to explore their own family history as an inspiration for storytelling. A beautiful 'family tree' to take away for each child.

1-2pm – Kids to Kids £Free
Saturday and Sunday
Local children will be reading aloud from a selection of books. Join in and listen, or volunteer to read yourself, from one of our books or bring your own!

2-3 pm – Sue Hampton £Free
Saturday only
Meet inspiring children's author Sue Hampton, who has written more than twenty novels for children and teenagers. www.SueHampton.co.uk

2-3pm – Cass King £Free
Sunday only
Children's author and illustrator Cass King will read from 'The Fish Lizard of Lyme' and talk to children about writing stories and storytelling.

3-4pm – Ant Ravenwood £Free
Saturday only
A storytelling session where author and performer Ant Ravenwood takes his audience into a fantasy world of mythical creatures, ghosts, and goblins.

Magic Oxygen Publishing

THE HUB

Magic Oxygen @ The Hub

The Hub on Church Street will be the centre of the literary universe on Saturday between 11am and 2pm as Lyme based Magic Oxygen Publishing launch 8 new spring titles. Come along and meet the authors to find out what makes them tick and listen to readings and interviews with them too.

The new releases have something for everyone. They include a rib-tickling Ruritanian romance with political agenda from James Dunford Wood. There's a deeply sinister crime thriller that you're best advised to read with the light on called Blind Cupid by Max Brandt. The Pick-Up Artist is a vibrant, colourful rom com from Bridport Prize winning author Chris Hill. Izzy Robertson makes her debut in paperback with Dreaming the Moon, a fabulous fantasy fiction and in the same genre, the prolific and much loved children's author Sue Hampton will be there with her new title, The Dreamer. Rob E Windsor has a poignant graphic novel about alcohol addiction called Off Her Facebook! which started life as an award-winning stage play. Gordon Strong is a writer of myth and legend who presents you with The Empire of Evil, full of super sharp wit and cosmic dimensions to dive into.

Tracey and Simon West will also be announcing the winners of the Magic Oxygen Literary Prize, a unique writing competition which planted a tree in their Word Forest for every entry and is also planting a tree for every anthology sold too. It contains the top 10 shortlisted short stories and poems which of course include the brilliantly crafted winning entries.

Tickets are £2 on the door and are fully redeemable against book purchases and you'll also get a delicious cake with every book bought too. Don't miss it!

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- Order herbaceous perennials from nursery catalogues for delivery in the spring
- Dust stored dahlia tubers with sulphur powder to discourage rot
- If you have dug over a new area, cover the ground with a large sheet of polythene, weighted with bricks around the edges, to keep off the worst of the winter weather and deter any weeds
- Start to chit seed potatoes available from garden centres
- Apply organic fertiliser such as blood, fish and bone, over beds and borders which will release their nutrients slowly over a long period
- Order summer-flowering bulbs
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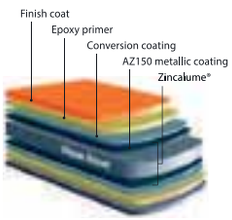

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Dower House Hotel

NOT only is the Dower House Hotel trip advisors No. 1 hotel in Lyme Regis, it's also a stunning wedding venue, which is holding it's first Wedding Fayre on Sunday, March 29th from 11am-3pm.

The Wedding Fayre will provide an excellent opportunity to view the refurbished hotel, as well as to discuss your wedding plans with various suppliers ranging from caterers and dressmakers to photographers. There will also be a marquee on site so couples will be able to see how the hotel can host larger weddings with over 50 guests in its grounds.

The Dower House was fully refurbished this winter, making it the perfect venue for your wedding. The refurbishment included the installation of an environmentally friendly Biomass heating system, six new en suites with Thomas Crapper sanitary ware, the creation of a large new deluxe suite, ideal for newly wed couples, with a large nickel "And So To Bed" bed and a copper bath on a plinth in the bedroom.

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We would love to hear you plans for weddings, civil ceremonies etc, and give you our full attention, we've been told we make a huge difference so ask us questions, bring a mood board, receive advice and ideas with on the spot quotes, discounts for any bookings taken on the day- make the most of us free of charge!

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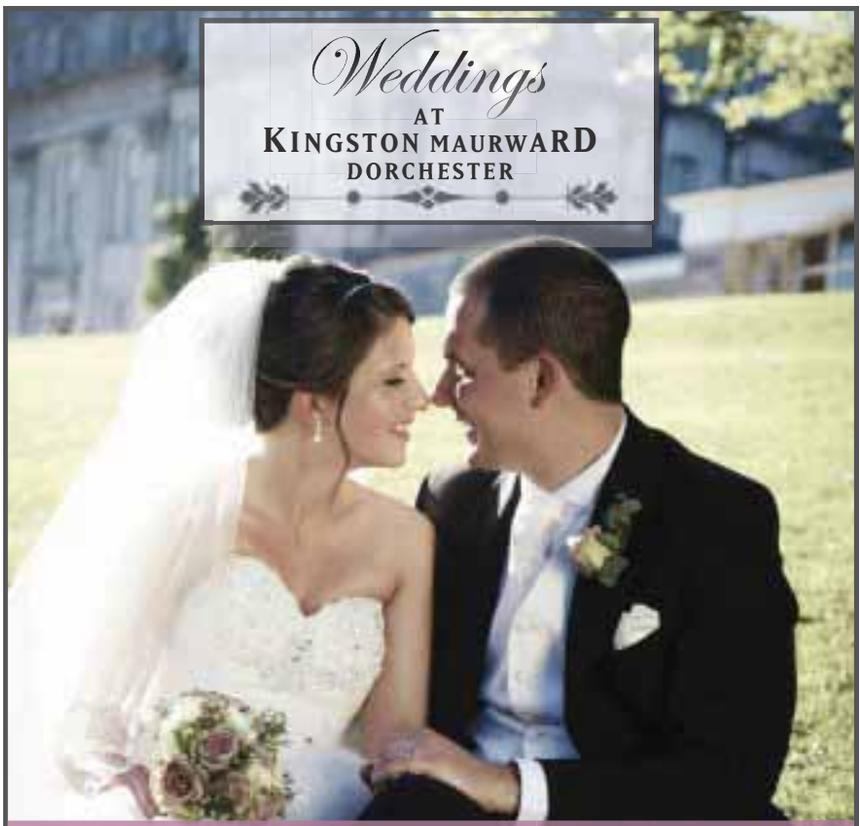

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Catherine Carter Photography

FROM Kayaking with orcas in Vancouver to swimming with stingrays in Antigua, from listening to jazz in New Orleans to sipping on a Singapore sling at raffles, from climbing the sand dunes in Namibia to running along Panama Canal. Catherine has travelled across the globe with an open mind, seeking out the essence and heart of a destination, documenting her experiences so each image can tell an individual story. However she always comes back to her hometown Bridport. Catherine's photography career has spanned 9 years, with her love of weddings beginning in 2003 when she photographed her first wedding. 'I remember it so well, I was terrified! At the end I turned to my assistant and looking like he was going to pass out, he said 'I am never doing that again' I said 'that was so much fun' and so it began!! I still am terrified before every wedding but that's part of it, you become a part of the couples wedding day and you have a responsibility to produce beautiful photographs for them.'

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Fancy That Cake Company

HEATHER Upham's creative talents at Fancy That Cake Company take cake-making beyond the everyday and into the realms of sculpted works of art. The opening of her new shop in November 2012 at 10, Fleet Street, Beaminster took her aspirations up a gear with a dedicated kitchen and retail space for displaying cakes and selling cake decorating sundries.

Her professionalism has been recognised with ten awards - five silvers and five bronzes - from Cake International's showcase exhibitions in London and Birmingham and other awards from the British Sugarcraft Guild.

The increase in business and the popularity of her amazing cakes is such that Heather is taking on a new member of staff, a keen young apprentice, to learn the skills of cakecraft. Heather's fast growing customer base is hungry for her skills in wedding cakes - traditional or quirky - and 3-D birthday, anniversary or celebration cakes, whether plain or elaborate. The number of 'Likes' on the 'Fancy That' Facebook page is testament to the growing band of admirers and satisfied customers, many of whom come back for more! Have a look at her webpage at www.facebook.com/fancythat66 for a taste of what others have enjoyed!

Fancy That Cake Company is happy to rise to the challenge of any customer's designs so please feel free to pop in to discuss any ideas or cake designs you have. Various cake classes are also being offered to budding 'cakers'. Please phone 01308-862242 for more information.

Town Mill Cheesemonger

HOW about a savoury alternative or a striking addition to a traditional sweet wedding cake? Lyme Regis' Town Mill Cheesemonger will help you make a selection to delight eyes and tastebuds alike and form an impactful tower or pyramid of tasty cheese! They'll find cheeses that are particular family favourites or that come from areas that are significant to the couple. With almost 100 cheeses in stock from which to choose, Town Mill Cheesemonger is a favourite source for bespoke wedding cheeses for couples from across the country.

Since the Cheesemonger opened in June 2009 they have supplied hundreds of couples with cheese that has helped make their days truly special, ranging from simple 3 cheese pyramids to a 13 tier colossus! They can courier cheese to any UK location, ensuring that your "cake" arrives on time and in top condition. The Cheesemonger has designed a clever platform to stop soft cheeses from being squashed by those above it - and supplies tasting and dietary guidance information.

The "cake" can be dressed to match the design for the party - and if there's any left over after the meal, it's a perfect late night nibble for dancers and departing guests.

Last year the shop was crowned as UK Cheesemonger of the Year, so you can be sure that you are getting the very best cheeses and service. It's no wonder that their "cakes" prove so popular. Contact Justin Tunstall on 01297 442626 to make an appointment to taste some cheeses and decide on your perfect creation.

Lyme Bay Photography

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Canapés will be provided and drinks will be available from the fully licensed bar in the Tithe Barn, Symondsbury Kitchen will also be open for further refreshments throughout the day. Free entry for all and a free goody bag for all brides to be.

▲ A picture from last year's successful Wedding Fayre

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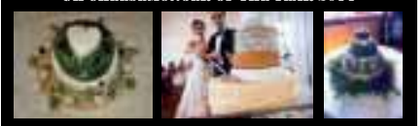

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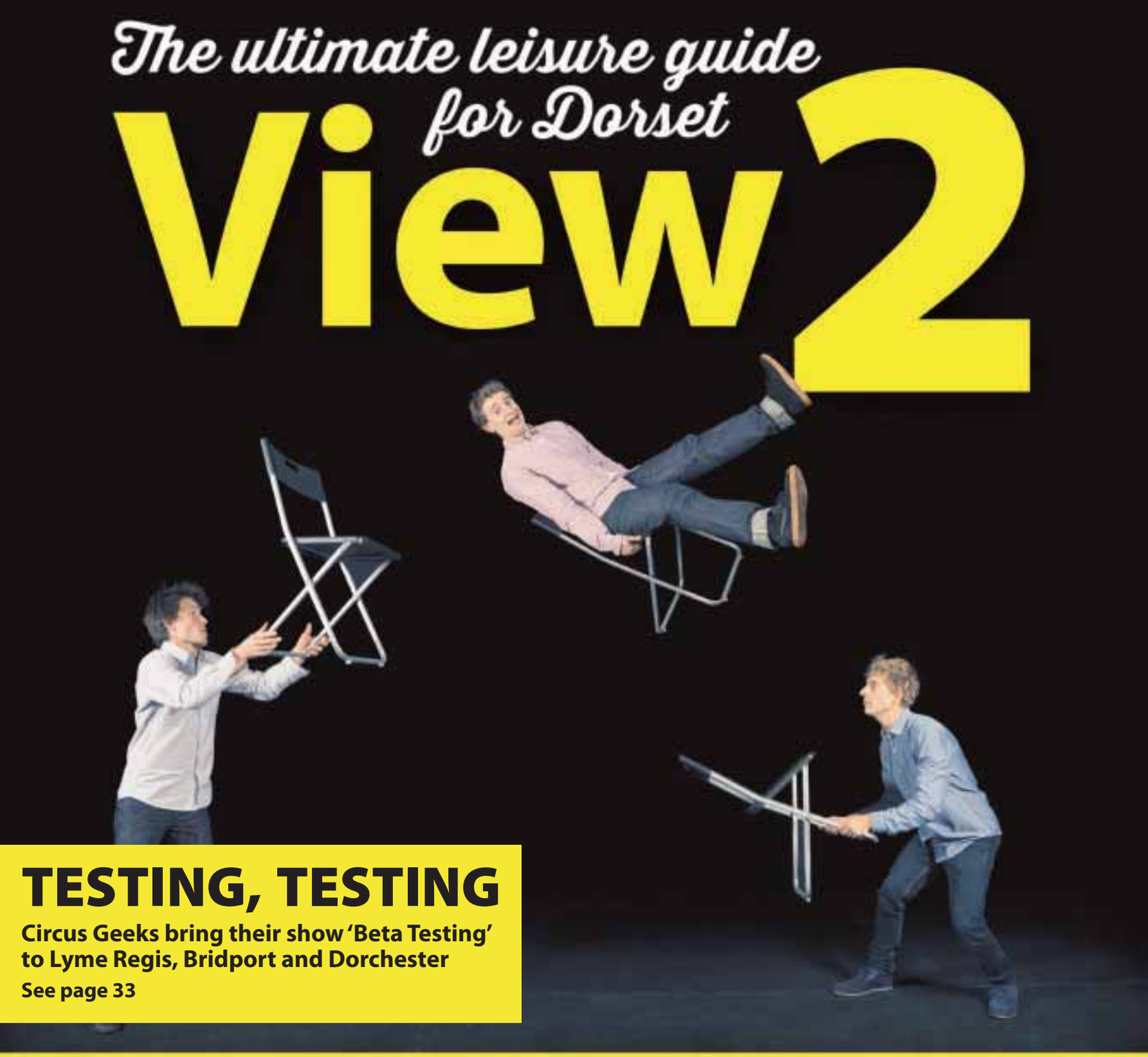

TESTING, TESTING

Circus Geeks bring their show 'Beta Testing' to Lyme Regis, Bridport and Dorchester

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MCINTOSH & WATKINS

Rare musical treat in Weymouth *see page 30*

HARP AND FLUTE FANTASIA

Amalthea duo return to Dorset *see page 29*

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Half term fun at Bridport Arts Centre *see page 33*

TRANSMISSION

Your guide to local live music

upcoming gigs

Saturday 14 Feb
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
The Lizzards 9.30pm

Lord Nelson, DORCHESTER
John De Barra

Nags Head, LYME REGIS
Alan West & Steve Black

Re-loved Vintage & Tea Rooms/Bistro, 2 Cornhill, DORCHESTER
Bernardo playing Vintage Guitar
7pm. Free entry, booking advised - 01305 257070.

Electric Palace, BRIDPORT
Ben Poole
Doors 7pm.
£10+bf adv/ £12 door. Bring your date for free - buy one ticket, get the other free!

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Sunday 15 Feb
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
Grouvecat 4-6pm

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Saturday 21 Feb
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
Daytona 9.30pm

Nags Head, LYME REGIS
Real Deal

Re-loved Vintage & Tea Rooms/Bistro, 2 Cornhill, DORCHESTER
Bernardo playing Vintage Guitar
7pm. Free entry, booking advised - 01305 257070.

Old Town Hall, WEYMOUTH
Robbie McIntosh & Ken Watkins
8pm. £10 from 01305 837299z

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Sunday 22 Feb
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
Cadenza 4-6pm

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Saturday 28 Feb
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
Tripod 9.30pm

Nags Head, LYME REGIS
Mojo

Electric Palace, BRIDPORT
Fairport Convention
Doors 7.30pm.
£21+bf adv / £23 door

Re-loved Vintage & Tea Rooms/Bistro, 2 Cornhill, DORCHESTER
Bernardo playing Vintage Guitar
7pm. Free entry, booking advised - 01305 257070.

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Sunday 1 March
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
Jamming at the Crown 4-6pm

Durnovaria, DORCHESTER
Latemouth Blake (Stompin' Dave's vintage blues alter ego) 3-5pm

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Saturday 7 March
Nags Head, LYME REGIS
Relics

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Saturday 14 March
Nags Head, LYME REGIS
Bug Tree Swamp

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A rare musical treat

AN EVENING WITH ROBBIE MCINTOSH AND KEN WATKINS

AN EVENING with Robbie McIntosh and Ken Watkins is a rare treat indeed; they last played a show together in 1988 and now, 27 years later, are back for a one-off concert.

Performing at one of Weymouth's most lovely architectural gems, the Old Town Hall on High West Street, Robbie and Ken's gig promises to be an informal night with a diverse set of songs, reflecting their mutual musical interests, as well as plenty of banter and good humour.

Robbie is currently promoting his latest CD, Turn Up for The Books and having spent most of last year touring with Sir Tom Jones, is now focusing on his own material and his own band. He has taken time out to play this show with Ken, a musician with whom he shares a close musical sensibility.

Ken Watkins

Making a welcome return to the live music scene after a few years' break, Ken is looking forward to performing in front of a listening audience once again. His recent CD, That Enjoyed Me is testament to some of his great live shows with Robbie and other musicians and this one is guaranteed to make an indelible impression on anyone lucky enough to get a ticket.

A guest appearance by singer Lucy Watkins whose mellow, textured voice always leaves audiences captivated is sure to augment this sublime musical collaboration.

Tickets are £10 and limited to 70, so ring 01305 837299 to ensure you are able to partake of this rare musical feast!

There is no bar in the venue, but you are welcome to bring your own drinks. (Glasses will be provided).

Robbie and Ken will be selling their CDs on the night.

An evening with Robbie McIntosh and Ken Watkins takes place at Old Town Hall, High West Street, Weymouth on Saturday, February 21st at 8pm. Tickets are £10 from 01305 837299.

Robbie McIntosh

Amalthea duo return to Dorset

FLUTE AND HARP FANTASIA

WITH a wide-ranging repertoire, Amalthea flute and harp duo brings the past to the present whilst exploring music from different continents and cultures.

Flautist Klio Blonz has performed extensively both as a soloist and ensemble player around the globe, and including appearances at the Mayfield Festival, Brighton Festival, Demetria Festival and the International Music Festival of Cyclades. She has commissioned and premiered works at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, the National Portrait Gallery, Blackheath Halls, St James's Piccadilly, St Martin-in-the-Fields and the Hellenic Centre in London and is also a co-founder of the Leto Ensemble, which has been broadcast by BBC Radio 3 and is actively performing in the UK and abroad.

Siobhan Swider began playing the harp at The Interlochen Arts Academy, went onto study the harp at The University of Michigan, and then at Trinity College of Music London. Her extensive repertoire covers classical, popular, jazz and folk genres. Siobhan has performed at various prestigious venues around London such as Somerset House, the Royal Academy of Arts, the Houses of Parliament and Westminster Abbey, and as a soloist for Nelson Mandela, HRH Prince Charles, HRH The Queen and The Princess of Thailand. She has worked with numerous orchestras such as The City of Moscow Ballet, London Sinfonia and The Amadeus Orchestra.

Returning to Dorset once more for a series of special performances for Artsreach, the duo will present music by Debussy, Shankar, Mozart, Chopin and Ravel amongst others; expect a beautiful blend of sounds and a real feast for the ears.

Amalthea flute and harp duo play at Martinstown Village Hall on Saturday, February 28th at 7.30pm. To book or for more details call 01305 889963 or visit www.artsreach.co.uk

Amalthea

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Saturday 21st February
REAL DEAL
Saturday 28th February
MOJO
Saturday 7th March
RELICS
Saturday 14th March
BUG TREE SWAMP
www.nagsheadlymeregis.co.uk

A little taste of Paris in Dorchester this Valentine's

DORCHESTER Arts is offering a truly unique Valentine's Special this February with a welcome return for Eve Loiseau performing *Piaf – The Songs* on Saturday, February 14th at the Corn Exchange.

Eve Loiseau

This hit show has been on tour across the globe since 2011 to great acclaim, and now returns in a celebration of this, the centenary year of Edith Piaf's birth.

Having sold out the Corn Exchange on her last visit to Dorchester, Eve will perform all the great classics and as a special Valentine's treat the programme will also feature Enfin le Printemps and other romantic songs not performed last time.

Edith Piaf, has become synonymous with French Cabaret of the 1940s and 50s and remains France's most popular singer.

Eve Loiseau's passion for Piaf developed at a young age, around the dining table in South East France. Coming from a French family of singers, long summer meals were often rounded off with French chansons. Piaf is inimitable, but Eve's lustrous French tone captures the essence of the Piaf performance in this tribute to the 'Little Sparrow'.

This powerful celebration of Piaf's repertoire will be accompanied by Fiona Barrow on violin and Murray Grainger on accordion, whose credentials include Kneehigh Theatre and Canteve Vocale.

Continuing their on-going relations with local businesses Dorchester Arts is pleased to welcome Côte, the new French restaurant to the county town and is delighted to have them on board as a sponsor for this show.

Located in Brewery Square, Côte serves authentic French dishes with a modern twist. 'We passionately and proudly support the Dorchester Arts, which we see as the perfect way to embed Côte within the local community', says a spokesperson for Côte. 'Working in conjunction with the Arts Centre has enhanced and added extra value to the experience of our guests. Côte is the perfect place for a quick lunch or a pre–show dinner'. As an added extra Côte will also have a special offer voucher available to all audience members on the night.

Piaf – The Songs is at the Corn Exchange, Dorchester on Saturday, February 14th at 8pm. To book tickets call Box Office 01305 266926 or visit www.dorchesterarts.org.uk

New play about "the Shrewsbury 24" comes to the Marine Theatre

UNITED WE STAND, a new play based on the story of "Shrewsbury 24", when 24 building workers were accused and three jailed for violent picketing and intimidating workers in Shropshire in 1973, is set to perform at the Marine Theatre on Saturday, February 14th.

In the 1960s and 70s the UK's building companies were making millions rebuilding the country, but building workers faced the most dangerous working conditions and poorest wages of any trade. In the summer of '72, for twelve weeks, 300,000 building workers launched their industry's first national all-out strike to end cash "lump" wages and seek better pay by using the controversial tactic of 'Flying Pickets'. The partial success of the strike, and the methods used, enraged the construction industry and government, and culminated in the arrest of 24 builders in North Wales who were charged with offences including conspiracy to intimidate and affray. The "24" were prosecuted at Shrewsbury Crown Court in 1973 and three were jailed, including building workers Des Warren and Ricky Tomlinson.

Sharp and humorous, *United We Stand* tells the story behind the compelling dispute and dispels the myth, put about at the time, that the pickets were a criminally violent rather than ordinary working men seeking a better life for themselves and their fellow workers.

Combining Townsend Productions' trademark cast of two playing multiple roles, grand theatrical style and wit with popular and political songs about the strike, arranged by renowned folk musician John Kirkpatrick and Ricky Tomlinson's poems from his time in prison, the production aims to bring the full story of the compelling dispute to life in a powerful and thought-provoking new play.

The Shrewsbury 24

The events surrounding the strike are still making headlines to this day, and 42 years on, the high-profile Shrewsbury 24 Campaign, led by picket turned actor Ricky Tomlinson is still seeking to overturn the unjust prosecution of the 24 building workers.

Ricky Tomlinson said about the play, "I am delighted The Townsend Theatre Company are presenting a play about the 1972 building workers strike, and the plight of the Shrewsbury 24 building worker pickets. It is 41 years since I, together with Des Warren and John McKinsie Jones, were charged with conspiracy and jailed.

"We were charged with conspiracy, but we believe the real conspiracy was between the government, the building contractors and the judiciary. They wanted the prison sentences to act as a deterrent, to prevent workers from taking strike action.

"Every worker should know what happened to us so as to ensure it does not happen again."

United We Stand is directed by Louise Townsend and will feature in its cast Neil Gore and William Fox.

The performance takes place on Saturday, February 14th at 7.30pm at the Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis. Tickets are £10 or £8 (Concessions). To book tickets, contact TIC on 01297 442138 or visit www.marinetheatre.com.

◆ ***The show will also visit Bridport and Dorchester Arts Centres - visit the websites at www.bridport-arts.com or www.dorchesterarts.org.uk for more details.***

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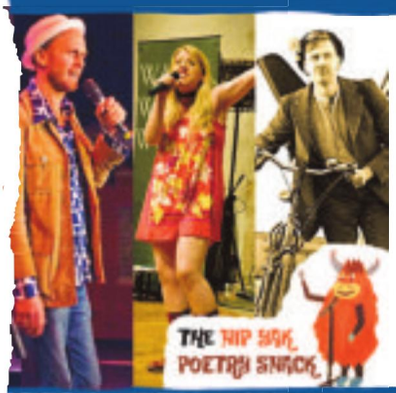

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8.00pm
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Saturday 14th February
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Free half-term fun for families at The Electric Palace

THERE'S a week of free entertainment for families over half-term at The Electric Palace, Bridport.

Music workshops and singalong Disney films are among the fun things to do at the venue from 14 to 21 February.

Children aged 10 years and under must be accompanied by an adult. Start times are approximate only.

On Saturday, February 14th the Café opens from 9.30am, and from 10am-11am a ukulele playing workshop for children aged 7 and under will take place. Come along and have fun playing this great little instrument. All instruments and guidance supplied. From 11.30am-12.45pm there will be a special screening of 1967 Disney classic *The Jungle Book*.

Three popular animated films will be shown on Wednesday, February 18: *The Little Mermaid* 10.30-11.45am, *Frozen Singalong* from 12.30-3pm, and *The Lion King* from 2.30-4pm.

On Saturday, February 21st Beauty and The Beast will be shown from 10.30-11.45am. At 2pm National Theatre Live's *Treasure Island* will be screened. Tickets are £10 plus booking fee, or £12 plus booking fee on the door or online at Seetickets.com. For children aged 10+ and adults.

Johannes Möller back in Dorchester

Swedish-born guitarist and composer Johannes Möller returns to Dorchester on Sunday, March 22nd following his rapturously received Festival performance in May 2014. The intimate setting of the Arts Centre is the perfect location for him to demonstrate the refinery of sounds the classical guitar can offer. His delightful programme will include some of his highly praised interpretations of Spanish and romantic guitar music as well as some of his most recent original compositions.

Tickets are £12 and £10 for members and concessions. To book call Box Office 01305 266926 or visit www.dorchester-arts.org.uk

Johannes Möller

FANCY a fun night out? Staff at Bridport Arts Centre are inviting you to take part in a charity quiz, with Director Laura Cockett as the MC.

The event will take place at the Arts Centre on Friday, February 20th from 7.30pm and there will be a range of rounds covering everything from music, arts, sport and love (well, it is February!).

The funds from this event will go towards improving Bridport Arts Centre's bathroom facilities.

Marketing Manager Lisa Wilcock said "Join us for a fun night out with complementary roast potatoes for all and prizes for the winners. Best of all the money is going towards reviving the bathroom facilities so the whole town can have an even more wonderful Arts Centre".

Come along for a fun night out for a great cause. Tickets are £5 each for teams of unto six people. Book your ticket online at www.bridport-arts.com or call the box office on 01308 424204

Electric Palace

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Wednesday 11 February
Royal Shakespeare Company screening: LOVE'S LABOUR'S LOST
Doors open 6pm start 7pm
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Saturday 14 February
BEN POOLE
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TWO FOR ONE DEAL: buy one ticket, get another one free.
Doors 7pm/ start 8pm

Saturday 21 February
National Theatre Live presents: TREASURE ISLAND
Matinee screening at 2pm.
Suitable for 10+
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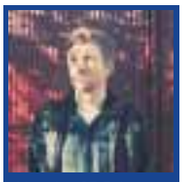

Monday 23 February
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£20 + bf advance/£22 + +bf on door

Friday 27 February
COMEDY NETWORK: Gareth Richards, Mark Smith and Julian Deane
Doors 7.15pm start 8.15pm
£10 + bf/£12 + bf on door

Free half-term fun for families at The Electric Palace

Saturday 14 February
Café open from 9.30am.
10am-11am **Ukulele playing workshop for children aged 7 and under.** Come along and have fun playing this great little instrument. All instruments and guidance supplied.
11.30am-12.45pm
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Wednesday 18 February
10.30-11.45am
THE LITTLE MERMAID
12.30-2pm
FROZEN SINGALONG
2.30-4pm
THE LION KING

Saturday 21 February
10.30-11.45am
BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

Coming soon: Broadchurch composer Olafur Arnalds, Ferocious Dog, Pam Ayres and Fairport Convention.

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This week's new cinema

FIFTY SHADES OF GREY [18]
LITERATURE student Anastasia Steele's life changes forever when she meets handsome, yet tormented, billionaire Christian Grey.

Big screen adaptation of the raunchy best-selling book, starring Dakota Johnson, Jamie Dornan and Jennifer Ehle.

STRANGE MAGIC [PG]
MAD-CAP fairy tale musical, featuring goblins, elves, fairies and imps, and following their misadventures sparked by the battle over a powerful potion.

Animated family fun with voices from Evan Rachel Wood, Elijah Kelley and Kristin Chenoweth.

LOVE IS STRANGE [15]
AFTER Ben and George get married, George is fired from his teaching post, forcing them to stay with friends separately while they sell their place and look for cheaper housing - a situation that weighs heavily on all involved.

Stars John Lithgow, Alfred Molina and Marisa Tomei.

TWO NIGHT STAND [15]
A SNOWSTORM forces two people who made an online connection to unwillingly extend their one-night stand as the blizzard goes through the night.

Stars Miles Teller, Analeigh Tipton and Jessica Szohr.

DOWN DOG [15]
FROM the writer of Men Behaving Badly. A high flying sex addict tries to connect with his teenage son by teaching him how to get the girl he likes. But soon he discovers that in his world nothing is what it seems.

Stars Jason Durr, Nick Moran and Orla O'Rourke.

Cinema Listings

Friday, Jan 13th - Thurs, Feb 19th
ALL LISTINGS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

LYME REGIS REGENT
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Shaun The Sheep [U]
Fri: 18.00
Sat, Mon-Thu: 13.20, 15.45, 18.00
Sun: 13.10, 15.30

Wild [15]
Daily: 20.10

The Hundred Foot Journey [PG]
Thu: 10.30am

BRIDPORT ARTS CENTRE
Tel: 01308 424204
www.bridport-arts.com

Maps To The Stars [18]
Sun: 15.00

The Babadook [15]
Thu: 19.30

DORCHESTER ODEON
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DORCHESTER PLAZA
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Jupiter Ascending [12A]
Daily: 17.30, 20.20
plus Fri-Sun: 15.20, 17.30, 20.20

Big Hero 6 [PG]
Daily: 12.45, 14.00, 15.15, 16.30, 17.45, plus Sat: 11.30, plus Sun-Thu: 10.15, 11.30

Kingsman: The Secret Service [15]
Daily: 14.25, 17.15, 20.05
plus Sat-Thu: 11.35

Shaun the Sheep The Movie [U]
Daily: 12.10, 13.15, 14.15, 15.20, 16.20, 18.25
plus Sat-Thu: 11.10am

Fifty Shades of Grey [15]
Daily: 11.00, 12.30, 13.55, 15.15, 16.50, 18.00, 19.00, 19.45, 20.15, 20.45 (excl Fri: 11.00am)

The Interview [15]
Fri: 12.00, 15.30, 20.50
Sun, Tue-Thu: 20.50

Selma [12A]
Fri, Sun: 18.05, 20.30
Sat, Mon-Thu: 18.05

American Sniper [15]
Fri, Sun, Tue-Thu: 16.35, 19.30
Sat: 16.35, 20.30
Mon: 16.35, 20.50

Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day [PG] Sat: 10.45am

The Boxtrolls [PG]
Sat & Sun: 10.20am

The Theory of Everything [12A]
Sat, Mon, Wed: 12.30

Peppa Pig: The Golden Boots [U]
Sat-Thu: 10.00, 11.30, 13.00, 14.30

Project Almanac [12A]
Mon-Thu: 15.30, 20.30

Paddington [PG]
Mon-Thu: 10.30am

Testament of Youth [12A]
Fri, Sun, Tue, Thu: 12.30

The Book Of Life [U]
Sat: 10.00am

Half term excitement at Bridport Arts Centre

Robin's Winter Adventure

THIS February Half Term Bridport Arts Centre is offering theatre performances and take part activities to entertain the whole family. Performances include *A Robin's Winter Adventure* for younger children, and workshops include Arial Silks and Hoop Trapeze with Charlie Booth and surrealism for kids art workshops.

The week of activities will begin on Saturday, February 14th at 2pm with Pied Piper Theatre Company's version of *Robin's Winter Adventure*. It is the incredible story of a young boy's journey with a feathered friend, who helps him face the challenge of moving from his cosy village to the hustle and bustle of London.

It's a heart-warming tale told with rhythm and rhyme, music, song and laughter plus two wonderfully captivating Robin Red Breast puppets.

Next up there are two short aerial silks workshops with Charlie Booth on Monday, February 16th. The aerial silks is a circus discipline that develops strength and flexibility, but also the skills of balance and counter balance. The morning course from 10.30am – 12pm will be for children aged 8-11 and the afternoon course from 12.30 - 2pm will be for ages 12 +. These classes can be a challenging but they are also completely exhilarating.

There will be a chance for people aged 12+ to learn how to use the hoop trapeze on February 16th, 2.30pm. The workshop involves looking at the movement within the hoop to smoothly achieve transitions from one move to another. This acrobatic workshop is enormous fun whilst being challenging.

Charlie Booth

Later in the week there will be an arty workshop for children aged 5-7 with Angie Porter. Inspired by the Arts Centre's current surrealist exhibition it gives children the chance to engage with word play and picture making. Participants will create their own dreamscapes through drawing and making collages.

Director Laura Cockett said "We have a wide range of activities we have on offer at the Arts Centre during half term week. From the Robin's winter adventure to Circus Geeks, there's something to entertain everybody. We're looking forward to seeing the Arts Centre bustling with young visitors".

Tickets are available from Bridport Arts Centre box office by calling 01308 424204 or online at www.bridport-arts.com

Showstopping circus as you have never seen it before!

Circus Geeks

BETA TESTING is a show stopping performance that reveals circus as you've never seen it before, and it's heading to Bridport Arts Centre, the Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis and Dorchester Arts this February.

It stars three young professional jugglers who are taking a road trip to show you life behind the scenes in their curious profession. By nature juggling is obsessive and super geeky, this show explores what happens when obsession spirals out of control. You can expect comedy and real life stories combined with show stopping skill.

The trio started a blog called Circus Geeks after a particularly late night conversation about the definition of juggling, art and how to make the perfect pizza. They all agreed that there was not enough information, ideas and connection amongst circus artists and the wider word.

Circus Geeks now has 30,000 followers across the globe, this show is based on it's most popular and exciting posts.

All perfomers are graduates of, and now teachers at the UK's top circus schools, these men are professional jugglers and the show looks at everything this entails including the strange and wonderful things that people ask professional jugglers.

Tour manager Lauren Hendry said "Expect the unexpected when Circus Geeks start their tour in Dorset next month, there will be leftfield comedy, juggling with chairs and an intriguing mix of the spectacular and the personal"

Circus Geeks – Beta Testing tour dates include:

Bridport Arts Centre on Wednesday, February 18th at 7.30pm. Tickets are £12, £11, £10, available from www.bridport-arts.com or by calling 01308 424 204.

Dorchester Corn Exchange on Friday, February 20th at 8pm. Tickets are £10, £8, £5 available from www.dorchesterarts.org.uk or by calling 01305 266926. Free juggling workshops for 13-18 yr olds are available on the day at Dorchester Arts Centre – booking is essential.

Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis on Sunday, February 22nd at 6pm. Tickets are £10 and £8, from www.marinetheatre.com or by calling 01297 442138.

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WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 11TH

MARTINSTOWN, NEAR DORCHESTER: Chair-based Exercise. 11.15am-12.30pm at the village hall. £5 per session. Every Wednesday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.
BRIDPORT: Barnardo's Helpers' Group Cakes & Bakes. Bring some, buy some. At United Church Hall, 10am-12noon. In aid of Barnardo's.
DORCHESTER: Film: 'Fly Away Home' showing at Evergreens Cinema, at Age UK Dorchester, Prince of Wales Road. Lights wil dim at 1.45pm, tea and biscuits served during the showing, for just £1.50. Everyone welcome. Details: 01305 269444.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 12TH

BEAMINSTER: Weldmar Hospicecare Trust Snowdrop Memorial Services of Remembrance at St Mary's Church at 11am.
DORCHESTER: The Thursday Group will meet in St. George's Church Hall, Fordington to hear a talk by Rev Anita Thorne "Memories from 8 years living and working on the Isle and Royal Manor of Portland." Starting at 2.15pm the charge is £1 to cover tea/coffee.
DORCHESTER: Richard Lane, President of Diabetes UK, will talk about the work of Diabetes UK and how the charity is working to improve care for everyone affected by diabetes. At the Dorford Centre (DT1 1RR - opposite Top o'Town car park), 7pm for 7.30pm. The talk will be preceded by the West Dorset Group's AGM. Everyone affected by diabetes is welcome to attend.
DORCHESTER: Plant Heritage Dorset Group. 'The World of Hellebores'. An illustrated talk by Diana Guy, a BBC Gardener of the Year and specialist in hellebores, looking at the range of species and cultivars of hellebores for the garden and how to use them to good effect. At 7.30pm in the Conference Room, Kingston Maurward College, DT2 8PY. Visitors welcome (£2.50; students £1 at door). Details from 01929 481535 and the NCCPG website.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 13TH

LYME REGIS: Lyme Bay Photographic Club meeting at Woodmead Halls. Workshop on Close up and Macro images. 7.30pm-10pm. For more details call 01297 444733
WEYMOUTH: Weldmar Hospicecare Trust Snowdrop Memorial Services of Remembrance at Holy Trinity Church at 2pm.
MARTINSTOWN, NEAR DORCHESTER: Exercise to Music for ages 40+. 10-11.30am at the village hall. £5 per session. Every Friday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.
WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music for ages 50+. 3-4.30pm at the WI Hall, George Street, West Bay. £5 per session. Every Friday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.
LYME REGIS: University of the Third Age Coffee Morning 10am to noon. For the retired and semi-retired to learn (or teach) in groups. Come along and meet the group leaders and sign up for one or more of approx. 40 different subjects, everything from table tennis to geology. At Woodmead Hall, Hill Road. Entry is free. More information about the U3A at lymeregisu3a.org or phone 01297 444566.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 14TH

BEAMINSTER: Yarn Barton Community Centre Table top Sale in the Public Hall. 9am-2pm. Tables £15. If you would like a table please call Sally on 01308 862657 or call in at Yarn Barton Centre in Fleet Street. Entrance will be free and there will be home made refreshments.

MONDAY FEBRUARY 16TH

BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music for ages 40+. 5.45-7pm at the WI Hall. £5 per session. Every Monday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.
OSMINGTON: Heather Foster explores different eras of music in Music Through The Ages, for Osmington Recorded Music Society, at Osmington Village Hall, Shortlake Lane, from 2.15pm. Plenty of car parking available. Further details from 01305 262121, or email: heather.foster1@btinternet.com

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 17TH

DORCHESTER: Thursday Group Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party from 3-4.30pm in St. George's Church Hall. Charge £1.50
LYME REGIS: Lyme Regis Art Society. Meeting 2-4pm at Woodmead Halls. Sue Fawthorpe will be giving us ideas to upcycle and renegotiate a picture using collage, oil pastels etc. All are welcome. Non-members admittance is £5. Contact Sheila on 01297 445464 for further information.
WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Chair-based Exercise. 10.30am-12noon at the WI Hall, George Street, West Bay. £5 per session. Every Tuesday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.
BRIDPORT: St Mary's Mothers Union Pancake Lunch at Church House, 12noon-1.30pm. No charge, but donation welcomed in aid of Holidays for families falling on hard times. For more details call Eileen on 01308 422590

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 18TH

The Whispering Road

NORDIC novels are all the rage at the moment with the likes of Stieg Larsson and Henning Mankell's 'Kurt Wallander' books frequently dominating the bestseller lists. But what happens when you combine dark Scandinavian tales with brooding folk music?

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Internationally renowned storyteller and singer Nick Hennessey, who has performed across the world, in Japan, Canada, the United States and Scandinavia, is joined by the UK's leading expert in the Swedish nyckelharpa Vicki Swan and Jonny Dyer, a performer, arranger and composer whose outstanding technical ability, coupled with a wide-ranging musical taste has made him a tireless and forceful musical innovator.

Leaping between song, music and the spoken word, the international touring group seriouskitchen deliver an electrifying performance, leading you on a fantastical journey to a land where every bird and beast has power and every encounter a deeper purpose.

Expect a night of sublime music and outstanding storytelling as they return to Dorset this spring.

Seriouskitchen perform The Whispering Road at Broadwindsor Comrades Hall on Friday, February 27th at 7.30pm. To book or for more details call 01308 867644 or visit www.artsreach.co.uk

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EYPE: West Dorset Decorative and Fine Arts Society meeting. 'Inn Signia: Pub Signs, the artwork and stories behind the names', by Mr John Ericson. At Highlands End Leisure Centre, 2.30pm. For more details call 01297 443615.
MARTINSTOWN, NEAR DORCHESTER: Chair-based Exercise. 11.15am-12.30pm at the village hall. £5 per session. Every Wednesday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 20TH

BROADMAYNE: Market 2-3.30pm at St Martin's Community Hall Broadmayne, (Next to the Church) Cakes, Preserves, Raffle, Craft, Plants, , Bric-a-brac, books, Jigsaws, Cards, Local Pork, Sausages and Eggs, Local Watercress, Plants from a local Nursery and a chance to sit and chat with a cup of tea or coffee. All proceeds to St Martin's Community Hall. For further information please contact Eleanor Piper 01305 853765.
BEAMINSTER: Beaminster Blues & Jazz presents 'Shades of Ella' performed by Julie Dunn and Andy Christie. Plus a show of Rhythm & Blues from the Jim Luck Blues Band. At Beaminster Town Hall. Doors and bar open 7.30pm, music 8-10pm. Tickets £10 from Yarn Barton Mon-Fri 9.30-12.30p or by calling 01308 861746.
MARTINSTOWN, NEAR DORCHESTER: Exercise to Music for ages 40+. 10-11.30am at the village hall. £5 per session. Every Friday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.
WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music for ages 50+. 3-4.30pm at the WI Hall, George Street, West Bay. £5 per session. Every Friday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.
CHARMOUTH: Bingo at St Andrew's Community Hall, Lower Sea Lane. Doors 7pm, eyes down 7.30pm.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 20TH & SATURDAY 21ST

DORCHESTER: The United Church Players present 'At The Movies' a Musical Revue with Songs, Sketches and Drama in the United Church Hall, Charles Street. 7pm on Friday, 2.30pm and 7pm on Saturday. Tickets at £4 each available from the Church Shop. Proceeds to National Stroke Association.

MONDAY FEBRUARY 23RD

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BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music for ages 40+. 5.45-7pm at the WI Hall. £5 per session. Every Monday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.
WEYMOUTH: Jim Davis presents a programme played by top bands in Marching And Waltzing, for Weymouth Classical Recorded Music Society at the Acorns, Grosvenor Road, Weymouth from 7.30pm. Further details : Tel 779787
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TUESDAY FEBRUARY 24TH

WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Chair-based Exercise. 10.30am-12noon at the WI Hall, George Street, West Bay. £5 per session. Every Tuesday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 25TH

MARTINSTOWN, NEAR DORCHESTER: Chair-based Exercise. 11.15am-12.30pm at the village hall. £5 per session. Every Wednesday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.
UPLYME: Uplyme and Lyme Regis Horticultural Society talk 'Hidden Gardens of London' by Bob Ayers, who knows the nooks and crannies of the Capital well after 30 years in the City of London Police. Members attend free, non-members £3. at Uplyme Village Hall, 7.30pm. For more information see our website, ulhrs@wordpress.com or ring Chairman Jenny Harding on 444034

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 27TH

LYME REGIS: Lyme Bay Photographic Club meeting at Woodmead Halls. Phil Wells' Triptych competition. 7.30pm-10pm. For more details call 01297 444733
MARTINSTOWN, NEAR DORCHESTER: Exercise to Music for ages 40+. 10-11.30am at the village hall. £5 per session. Every Friday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.
WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music for ages 50+. 3-4.30pm at the WI Hall, George Street, West Bay. £5 per session. Every Friday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.
DORCHESTER: Bournemouth In The Old Days, is the subject of Jim Boudreau's presentation to Dorchester Area Group of the Somerset & Dorset Railway Trust at the Dorset Room, Colliton Club, County Hall, Dorchester, 7.30pm. Further details from 01305 262121, or email: heather.foster1@btinternet.com

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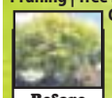
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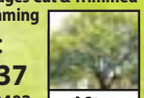
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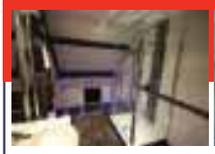
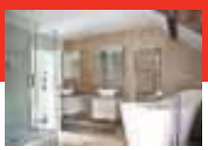

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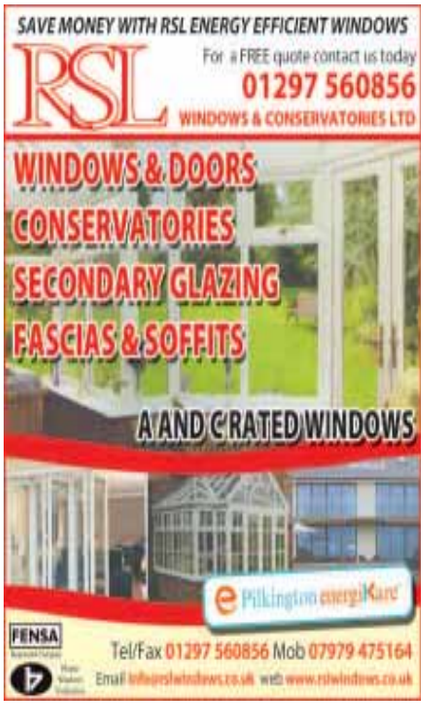

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Standard features unique to the Dynamique S include an aluminium pedal set, red/black part leather upholstery and a red interior touch pack. The exterior lines are set off by 16-inch sport diamond-cut alloy wheels, matt black side decals and an exterior touch pack in red, with white as a no-cost option.

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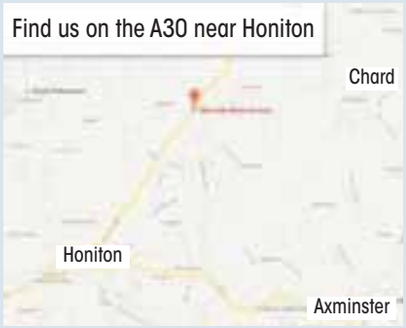

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VOLKSWAGEN Commercial Vehicles has unveiled the fourth-generation of its hugely popular Caddy. The third-generation model recorded more than 1.5 million sales around the world during its eleven-year production – a success that the latest generation Caddy urban delivery van, and its passenger carrying brother, intends to continue.

The Caddy's drive systems use state-of-the-art technology, with new EU6 engines providing improved efficiency. The Caddy range is powered by new 2.0-litre, four cylinder diesel engines. The performance range includes: 55 kW / 75 PS, 75 kW / 102 PS, and the top-of-the-range engine a 110 kW / 150 PS. Recording the lowest fuel consumption is the Caddy Blue Motion panel van, specially developed for inner-city deliveries: "With its low fuel consumption of less than four litres per 100 kilometres (70+ mpg), the new Caddy sets a new standard," explained Dr. Eckhard Scholz, Chairman of the Board of Management of Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles.

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Lyme and Beaminster crash out of Challenge Cup - Defeat double for Uplyme

PERRY STREET LEAGUE CHALLENGE CUP QF

CREWKERNE TOWN 5 BEAMINSTER 2

THE repeat of last year's final ended in the same conclusion as Crewkerne Town extended their winning run to seven matches.

Jamie Spurdle opened the scoring in the fifth minute with a trademark free-kick.

But the visitors responded well and drew level through Gary Cory who rounded off a good team move with a fine finish.

This only served to inspire the Tigers who stormed into a 4-1 half-time lead with Spurdle completing his hat-trick and Adam Dawe also getting in on the act.

The second-half was a scrappy affair as the Unity Lane Ground surface deteriorated.

Liam Riste bagged his 15th of the season before Richie Runyard grabbed Beaminster a late consolation.

"We enjoyed the majority of possession in the second-half - but Spurdle was the difference," said Beaminster manager Dean Newman

◆ CONSOLATION GOAL: Richie Runyard scored Beaminster's second in 5-2 cup defeat.

ILMINSTER COLTS 0 COMBE RES 12

CREWKERNE'S opponents in the semi-final will be Combe Reserves who crushed struggling Ilminster Colts who shipped a round dozen.

The Saints led 2-0 at half-time but really went to town after the interval. The goals were shared between Craig Every (3), Steve Every (3), Wayne Long (2), Stuart Bicknell, Tom Shire, Neil Parsons and Wayne Behan.

Ilminster have now conceded 119 goals in their 18 matches this season

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP 4 LYME REGIS RESERVES 1

WITH the Chard Hospital and Coronation Cups already won, Shepton Beauchamp remain on course for a KO cup treble after coming from behind to beat Lyme Regis Reserves.

Both sides struggled to come to terms with a poor surface that was heavily rutted by tractor tyre tread marks and still frozen in places.

The Seasiders broke the deadlock in the 39th minute when Jack Durrant's low, driven cross was converted at the far post by Sam Bevis.

The hosts levelled two minutes later. Lyme's Mark Batey won a crunching tackle in the area only for the ball to unluckily squirt out to straight Dan Smith who made no mistake from close range.

Shepton took the lead in the 47th minute with The Seasiders aggrieved that there had been a couple of decisions that didn't go their way in the build-up.

Firstly, Lyme felt there was a clear Shepton handball on the edge of the box, but their appeals were waved away by referee Kevin Luesley. Then, when the ball was crossed over, teenage keeper Toby Fowler appeared to be impeded before Kris Hastings bundled the ball home.

This deflated the visitors and a defensive error saw the hosts' ease 3-1 ahead on the hour through Smith who then completed his hat-trick after coolly rounding Fowler who put in a Man-of-the-Match performance between the sticks.

SOUTH PETHERTON 2 WEST & MIDDLE CHINNOCK 0

IN ALL their recent years of success in the PSDL the Challenge Cup has eluded South Petherton, but this may just be the year The Magpies swoop to triumph in the competition.

A tight first-half of few clear-cut chances ended goal less but Stuart Witt finally broke the deadlock 10 minutes after the turnaround.

Danny Rendell then headed against the bar and Rich Hebditch also went close before Jamie Underwood clinched the win five minutes from time with a crisp 12-yard shot.

◆ **Semi-finals (March 7th);**
South Petherton v Shepton Beau
Crewkerne Town v Combe Res

ARTHUR GAGE - R1

NETHERBURY 12 FARWAY UTD 0

NETHERBURY hit double figures for the first time in more than 10 years as floundering Farway's season lurched from bad to worse.

The hosts didn't actually start too well, but on 12 minutes Tom Franklin settled the Ambers down when he reacted well to finish from close range after his first shot was saved.

Franklin was at it again on the 19th minute, this time he pinged a left footed shot from fully 30 yards to lob the young Farway keeper.

Then a neat move down the right ended with John Kingston squaring the ball for Dan Rendell to tap home.

Shortly after this Rendell got his second when he rounded the keeper, then Kingston danced his way into the box to finish with his left foot for 5-0.

There was still time for two more goals before the halftime whistle. Franklin lobbed the visitors keeper - right footed this time - from about 25 yards and Rendell completed his hat trick which made it 7-0 at half time.

Kingston scored an early penalty soon in the turnaround and Zac Hawker planted a neat header into the top corner after a fine cross from Chris Symes.

Kingston then completed his hat trick reacting well to finish through a crowd of players after the ball had only been half cleared by the overworked visiting defence.

Substitutes Mark Cuff and Ryan Gall did not miss out on the goals, combining well with Symes picking out Cuff at the back post to volley home and then Cuff setting up Gall with a slide-rule pass, that the inform striker finished accurately into the bottom cornerto round-off the scoring.

Assistant Manager Paul Cuff said: "I thought the whole team's attitude was right today. I was really pleased with how we kept our performance level throughout the whole game and scored some cracking team and individual goals".

Along with the goal scorers, Paul Cuff picked out teenager Jon Paul-Avery as his star performer on the day.

◆ **Quarter-finals (Feb 28th);**
Netherbury v Barrington
Chard Utd v Forton Rangers
Lyme Bantams v Millwey Rise
Winsham Utd v Pymore

TOMMY TABBERER – R1

BEAMINSTER RES H-W ILMINSTER A

ILMINSTER A failed to raise a team for this cup tie at the memorial Ground and Beaminster Reserves were subsequently awarded a walkover into a home quarter-final against Charmouth

◆ **Quarter-finals (March 14th);**
Beaminster Res v Charmouth
Thorncombe v Waytown Hounds
Crewkerne Rangers v Uplyme
Drimpton v Crewkerne Town Res

REG EGLON CUP – QF

WINSHAM RES 6 UPLYME RES 2

UPLYME Reserves' hopes of bringing the Reg Eglon Cup to Venlake for the first time ended at blustery Bakersfield.

Goals from Paul Stuart and player-manager Richard White, his 200th in the PSDL, had the hosts in control at the break.

Anthoney Rockett made it 3-0 before Andrico Peleau pulled one back with his first for the Swallows who travelled with a bare 11.

But Rob Long restored the three-goal cushion with a fine lob over a crowded penalty area. Stuart then bagged his second before Callum Taylor scored a consolation that rolled over the line via an upright.

But the scoring was rounded off by Winsh sub Toby Thorne.

Uplyme player-manager Stuart Wooster praised the efforts of striker Harry Robson.

DIVISION ONE

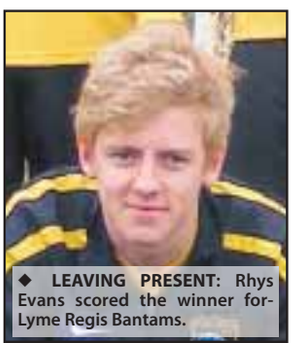
PYMORE 1 LYME REGIS BANTAMS 2

LYME REGIS Bantams distanced themselves from the Division One relegation zone with a hard-fought victory that leaves Pymore still looking anxiously over their shoulders at a possible return to Division Two.

Lyme bossed the first half with striker Shaun Stewart looking dangerous at every high ball that was launched into the hosts' area.

Stewart had an eighth minute header tipped over by home keeper Arthur Gay. And the Bantams' top-scorer went close from the resulting corner with another header that was kicked off the line.

He went one better two minutes later when an Ash Walkey free kick drifted over Gay and Stewart slotted home at the far post.



◆ LEAVING PRESENT: Rhys Evans scored the winner for Lyme Regis Bantams.

Stewart had another header hooked off the line on the half hour as a second goal seemed certain.

Rhys Evans, in his last appearance before heading off south to New Zealand, then squandered a good chance when he burst through the defence only to drag his shot wide.

But he made amends on the stroke of half-time when he fired home low into the corner after good work from Steward and player-manager Darren Poole.

The second-half was a different story as Pymore, boosted by a bitter breeze, came right back into the game.

Cameron Murless had a good one-on-one chance well saved by Seasiders' keeper Mark Tozer.

They did pull one back in the 53rd minute when striker Tim Hussey engineered some space before cracking home his seventh goal of the season with a sharp low drive that Tozer half stopped but couldn't keep out.

Hussey then twice went close to grabbing the equaliser – firstly rising unmarked to head against the crossbar on the hour before nodding a close range header against the foot of the post a minute later.

Lyme finally found their form in the last 15 minutes with Kieran McAllister shooting over the angle from the edge of the box and Walkey forcing a full length save from Gay from even greater distance.

DIVISION TWO

THORNCOMBE 4 UPLYME 0

PROMOTION-chasing Thorncombe proved too strong for an Uplyme side although the performance of Thorns' keeper Andy Bradley proved pivotal.

"It wasn't a 4-0 game," said Uplyme manager Steve Gillan whose squad was ravaged by injury and unavailability and led to Gillan reluctantly making a first start of the season in a customary midfield role.

'We even had lads nursing the flu and injuries," continued Gillan who was none-the-less impressed by a gutsy all-round team performance.

Uplyme started well and Dan Boot fired a cross shot that struck the post early on.

The Swallows continued to create chances only to be thwarted by inform gloveman Bradley.

But at the other end the hosts converted both of the two chances they managed to forge in the opening 45.

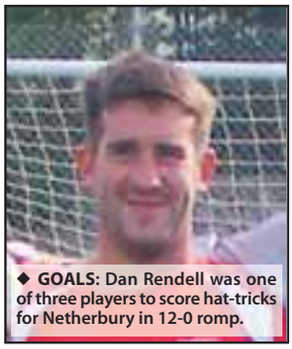
The second period follow in a similar fashion with Bradley denying Adam Whitehouse on four occasions.

Two more goals left the final score line looking decidedly top-heavy.

"That was the story of our season, we just weren't clinical enough." Former golden boot winner Warren Gabbidon (2) - who proved a handful all afternoon - Lee Fisher and Luke Bennett scored for the Thorns.

◆ The weekend's three 12-0 scorelines brings the total of double figure scores this season, which still has a third to go, up to 17 - the highest for many years - maybe it's time for a switch to four divisions with less cup matches? (Ed).

RESULTS – February 7th
D & E Division Three
Axminster Res 2 Axmouth Utd 1
Chagford 2 Exmouth Town Res 2



◆ GOALS: Dan Rendell was one of three players to score hat-tricks for Netherbury in 12-0 romp.

Clyst Valley Res 2 Exeter Uni 5ths 1
Pinhoe 0 Cheriton Fitzpaine 5
Tedburn St Mary 1 Henry's Cronies 6
Thorverton Res 1 Woodbury Res 0
CHALLENGE CUP QF
Crewkerne Town 5 Beaminster 2
Ilminster Colts 0 Combe Reserves 12
Shepton Beau 4 Lyme Regis Res 1
South Petherton 2 W&M Chinnock 0
ARTHUR GAGE CUP R1
Luso-Chard 0 Barrington 12
Netherbury 12 Farway Utd 0
TOMMY TABBERER CUP R1
Beaminster Res H/W Ilminster A
Combe A 0 Drimpton 2
REG EGLON CUP R1
Crewk Rangers Res 1 Chard Utd AS 3
Farway Utd Res 0 Drimpton Res 4
Merriott Rovers h/w Combe B
Winsham Utd Res 6 Uplyme Res 2
DIVISION ONE
Pymore 1 Lyme Regis Bantams 2
DIVISION TWO
Thorncombe 4 Uplyme 0
DIVISION THREE
Barrington Res 1 Shepton Res 2
Chard Utd Res 1 Chard Rangers 6
Dowlish & Don 6 Thorncombe Res 1
Kingsbury 2 Merriott Dynamos 2
Millwey Rise Res 1 S.Petherton Res 1
DIVISION FOUR
Chard Rangers Res 1 Hinton 3

FIXTURES
Saturday, February 14th
D & E Division Three *(all 3pm)*
Axmouth Utd v Tedburn St Mary
Chagford v Clyst Valley Res
Cheriton Fitzpaine v Axminster Res
Lyme Regis v Pinhoe
Exeter Uni 5ths v Exmouth Town Res
PERRY STREET LEAGUE
(all 2.30pm ko)
PREMIER
Combe Res v Ilminster Town Colts
Perry Street v Shepton Beauchamp
W & M Chinnock v Crewkerne Town
DIVISION ONE
Barrington v Farway Utd
Forton Rangers v Lyme Bantams
Netherbury v Luso-Chard
DIVISION TWO
Beaminster Res v Uplyme
Combe A v Waytown Hounds
Crewkerne Rangers v Thorncombe
Crewkerne Town Res v Drimpton
DIVISION THREE
Hawkchurch Utd v Chard Rangers
Merriott Dynamos v Barrington Res
Millwey Res v Dowlish & Donyatt
Shepton Res v Chard Utd Res
Thorncombe Res v Kingsbury Episc
DIVISION FOUR
Chard Rangers Res v Merriott Rovers
Drimpton Res v Hinton St George
Farway Utd Res v Combe B
Uplyme Res v Winsham Utd Res

As they stand

Toolstation Prem	Pld	GD	Pts
Melksham Town	22	31	45
Bristol Manor Fm	22	26	44
Odd Down	24	15	41
Bitton	26	10	41
Slimbridge	22	10	40
Street	28	7	40
Shepton Mallet	24	3	40
Buckland Athletic	20	20	36
Willand Rovers	19	13	35
Brislington	22	13	35
Bradford Town	21	4	35
BRIDPORT	25	-10	34
Sherborne Town	24	4	29
Cadbury Heath	24	-13	29
Longwell Green	25	-20	25
Gillingham Town	22	-4	23
Hallen	25	-23	22
Winterbourne Utd	24	-29	20
Bishops Sutton	26	-57	14

Dorset Premier	Pld	GD	Pts
Merley Cobham	23	36	56
PORTLAND UTD	23	47	54
Hamworthy Rec	20	48	52
Parley Sports	25	27	51
WEYMOUTH RES	23	28	45
Mere Town	24	23	41
Shaftesbury Town	22	8	40
Wareham Rangers	23	3	38
Westland Sports	23	11	37
Sherborne Res	23	1	34
BRIDPORT RES	21	-11	26
Blandford Utd	26	-28	25
Tintinhull	25	-29	22
Swanage & Herst	19	-3	19*
Hamwthy Utd Res	22	-23	16*
Cranborne	25	-48	14
Poole Borough	25	-40	13*
Sturm' Marshall	24	-50	13

D & E Div Three	Pld	+/-	Pts
Exmouth Tn Res	19	40	41
Henry's Cronies	16	48	39
Chagford	19	24	35
LYME REGIS	16	48	33
Woodbury	17	13	32
Exeter Univ 5ths	15	14	31
Cheriton Fitzp	17	6	24
Clyst Valley Res	20	-20	22
Thorverton Res	17	-28	15
Axminster Res	20	-42	15*
Tedburn St Mary	13	-17	14
Exmouth Amt Res	19	-35	14
Axmouth Utd	15	-13	13
Pinhoe	19	-38	12

Premier	Pld	+/-	Pts
Crewkerne Town	10	40	30
South Petherton	13	39	28
Perry Street	14	21	28
Shepton Beauch	12	37	27
W & M Chinnock	12	23	25
BEAMINSTER	13	29	18
Combe Res	13	22	16
LYME REGIS RES	14	-21	12
Misterton	13	-100	6
Ilminster Colts	14	-89	0

Division One	Pld	+/-	Pts
Barrington	12	51	36
Millwey Rise	13	19	28
Winsham Utd	14	11	25
NETHERBURY	12	11	23
Chard Utd	15	3	19
Forton Rangers	13	-1	18
LYME BANTAMS	13	-10	17
Luso-Chard	12	-26	9
PYMORE	12	-18	5
Farway Utd	10	-40	3

Division Two	Pld	+/-	Pts
DRIMPTON	13	44	35
Thorncombe	13	30	30
WAYTOWN HNDS	14	17	25
Crewkerne Res	10	12	22
Crewk Rangers	14	-10	20
Combe A	14	-8	16
UPLYME	11	8	13
CHARMOUTH	14	-11	13
BEAMINSTER RES	14	-13	11
Ilminster Town A	13	-69	-2*

Division Three	Pld	+/-	Pts
Chard Utd Res	14	18	31
Kingsbury Episc	14	27	28
Barrington Res	13	16	27
Hawkchurch Utd	11	16	19
Chard Rangers	12	-4	18
S.Petherton Res	15	-9	18
Thorncombe Res	15	-11	17
Dowlish & Donyatt	12	-2	14*
Shepton Beau Res	14	-14	13
Merriott Dynamos	12	-6	11
Millwey Rise Res	14	-31	9*

Division Four	Pld	+/-	Pts
Merriott Rovers	11	62	33
Combe B	12	29	29
Winsham Utd Res	13	2	21
Crewk Rangers Res	14	6	20
Hinton St George	10	9	17
UPLYME RES	10	-2	15
Chard Rangers Res	12	-19	12
DRIMPTON RES	11	-10	9
Farway Utd Res	10	-16	9
Chard Utd AllStars	13	-61	4

*= Pts deducted

Lyme Regis Skittles

LADIES	P	Pts	BL
Wootton Wobblers	8	16	12
Smashers	8	11	5
Hot Gossips	8	8	6
La Crème	8	6	12
Just us	7	6	9
Wild Pins	8	6	4
Rollercoasters	7	5	10
Generations	8	4	6

MENS DIV ONE	P	Pts	BL
No Hopers	7	14	8
Young Guns	7	9	9
Marksmen	7	8	11
Anthill Mob	7	7	10
Flyers	7	7	5
Clueless	8	7	4
Tornadoes	7	5	6
Roadrunners	7	4	5
Skippy's Six	7	3	6

MENS DIV TWO	P	Pts	BL
Rousdon Rebels	7	10	10
Wreckers	7	10	9
Alleytwits	7	10	3
Miscellaneous	6	8	9
Trappers	7	8	8
President's Men	6	4	5
Shakers	7	4	4
Skittle me Timbers	4	2	4
British Legion	7	0	2

February Cup Fixtures
Monday, February 16th
Ladies Doug Clark Cup
Generations v Hot Gossips
La Crème v
Wootton Wobblers

Wednesday, February 18th
Men's Pairs
Rock Point
K Bearpark & J Rickard,
J Parsons & T Tozer,
P Grinter & L Dare,
M Williams & A Aldworth,
N Chapman & C Marchant,
M Croad & R Bevis,
P Rattenbury & P Liston,
A Critchard & C Wrixon.

George
P Hodder & L Hodder,
M Denning & J Bennett,
T Edwards & S Flux,
A Churchill & D Welsh,
R Bovill & S Smith,
P Bright & R Chapple,
R Tucker & K Pratt,
P Kirkman & J Stamp.

Friday 20th February
Men's Cornish Cup
Marksmen v Flyers
Anthill Mob v Trappers
Skippy's Six v Roadrunners
Wreckers v No Hopers

Hockey

Hawks gain revenge to stay in touch

West Dorset Hawks 4 PGSOB A 2

HAVING lost to PGSOB earlier in the season the Hawks wanted revenge on a team they felt they should have beaten.

However, half of the West Dorset team did not turn up until the start time which led to a sluggish first 10 minutes, and they duly fell 1-0 down.

Eventually the Hawks started to string some passes together putting pressure on PGSOB.

The midfield duo of Dan Wyatt and captain Rick Dormor were linking well with Steve Mearing and Mike Thompson, and after a clever ball was slide through a gap by Wyatt, Dormor beat a defender and shot on goal. His effort was parried by the visiting keeper but Thompson knocked in the rebound for the equaliser.

They were then caught napping again just after the break and succumbed to another goal from the visitors, which appeared to motivate them to move up a gear ensure the win.

It was only a matter of time before Hawks replied - they did not have to wait long.

After a number of short corners that did not seem to work, they made a hash of their original plan from another, and instead hit the ball into the danger area where Alex Davis snapped up a rebound to equalise for a second time.

Shortly afterwards Rusty Coombes won the ball back in midfield before picking out the Thompson who dribbled the ball through a number of tackles before smashing the ball into the corner to give West Dorset the lead.

With their noses in front they weren't going to give away the lead, and Jim Bowditch beat his marker before finding Mearing who thrashed home a fourth goal.

Skipper Dormer said: "Special mention should go to Mike Thompson who had a great game, not only scoring two goals but for constantly hassling of the Plymouth defence, and to Lee Connally and Gavin Brooking for some great composure on the ball when under pressure."

The win takes the Hawks back into third spot with a two point lead on Sidmouth & Ottery A and Camborne SoM who drew 3-3.

West Dorset A who did not have a game slipped to third on goal difference after North Devon A beat bottom side Sidmouth & Ottery D 9-0, but they do have a game in hand.

Beaminster win through after slow start

Yeovil & Sherborne 3rd 1 Beaminster 3

BOTH sides took time to get acclimatised to the Arctic conditions at Yeovil Rec at Chilton Grove on Saturday, resulting in a scrappy game to start with, but it was Yeovil's team of experience and youthful runners that got going quickest and dominated possession early on.

As a result they took the lead on 14 minutes from a short corner, and although Lisa Condliffe saved the first shot, the follow up was a fierce drive that took a deflection off a stick and flew into the top corner.

Slowly Beaminster got more cohesion in their game and the introduction of Megan Tuck's strength and pace put the hosts defence on the back foot, and they equalised with four minutes of the first half remaining.

A shot following a short corner was saved, but Tuck picked up the rebound and fired a reverse stick undercut past the keeper.

Yeovil almost regained the lead on the stroke of halftime when a Condliffe made an acrobatic save to keep out a goal bound shot.

A reshuffle at the start of the second half following an injury to Genna Bunker saw Iris Garcia reintroduced, and she produced a wonderful display in midfield that earned her the Player of the Match award.

Bunker's harrying of the opposition was a big influence on Beaminster taking control of the match.

They took the lead ten minutes in when Phoebe Stewart's angle shot was diverted home by Lydia Brooking.

Sustained pressure from Beaminster's younger player Brooking, Tuck, Bella Foot and Garcia shut down Yeovil's midfield supply, although the visiting defence had to be alert to their quick breakaways, whilst slick counter passing saw Beaminster create a number of chances of their own.

They extended their lead 15 minutes from time when Tuck had a shot cleared of the line. The rebound was missed, but Garcia following up fired it into an open goal.

With Bournemouth 3rds losing, Beaminster climb into second spot.

But with the last group of seven games in what is a very competitive league this season to come, it means nothing except they should now have enough points to avoid relegation, something never contemplated after the first seven matches.

Beaminster: *Lisa Condliffe, Jenny Clarke, Sarah Davies, Tracey Smith, Izzy Mullins, Lydia Brooking, Julia May, Genna Bunker, Bella Foot, Phoebe Stewart, Iris Garcia, Megan Tuck.*

Channel Div 1	Pld	Pts
Yeovil & Sher 2nd	14	35
Bournemouth 3rd	12	22
BEAMINSTER	13	19
B & SN 2nd	14	16
Salisbury 4th	14	16
Yeovil & Sher 3rd	13	13
Salisbury 3rd	11	13
Gillingham 2nd	12	9

D' Wood Div 1 (top)	Pld	Pts
Tavistock	15	42
Isca C	15	30
WEST DORSET	15	24
Sidmth & Ott A	15	24
Camborne SoM	15	23
Bude	15	20
PGSOB A	15	18
Plymouth Uni A	15	17
USHC Plymouth	15	17
East Devon A	15	15
OPM A	15	10
Truro B	15	8

SE 2 Div (top)	Pld	Pts
Bridgwater B	12	33
W.DORSET A	12	28
North Devon A	12	25
Ashmoor A	11	20
Chard A	12	18
Bridgwater C	12	18
Sidmth & Ott C	12	18
Minehead B	12	6
Taunton Vale D	13	5
Sidmth & Ott D	12	4

Rugby

Young Blues put in spirited performance

Bridport 5 Weymouth & Portland 40

A STRONG and well-organised Weymouth & Portland visited a still depleted Bridport on Saturday and walked away with a convincing win.

As with Swanage & Wareham the previous week however, a young Blues side put up a spirited performance. No less than seven Colts were used, Cullian Lennon and Joel Vincent-Jones making their first start for the senior side.

First blood, in fact, went to the hosts as a charged down defensive kick fell kindly into Darragh McCloughlin's hands and he went over the try line virtually unopposed. Rory Greening, back from a long injury lay off, was unable to add the conversion.

Weymouth & Portland responded immediately with a converted try and for the next 25 minutes the play ebbed to and fro. Bridport were enjoying some good possession and more than one scoring opportunity went begging.

Shortly before the interval however, Weymouth stepped up a gear and landed two tries, one of which was well converted from a tight angle to give the Seasiders a 19-5 halftime lead.

The second half carried on with the visitors in the ascendance and Bridport fighting hard to stay in contention.

Two more converted tries made the deficit stretch further into the distance, but again Bridport had their moments, forcing four penalties close to their opponents try line. Each time they were stopped agonisingly short.

As the end approached Weymouth's forwards drove over for a sixth try and the conversion went in off the upright.

Harry Richardson was Man of the Match for an excellent all round performance in the back row.

Dorset & Wilts 2S	Pld	+/-	Pts
East Dorset	17	407	76
Salisbury II	16	329	61
Swanage & Wareham II	16	287	55
Weymouth & Portland	16	242	46
Puddletown	16	-66	44
Dorchester II	16	41	39
Bournemouth III	16	59	37
BRIDPORT	16	-95	28
Ellingham & Ringwood II	16	-216	28
New Milton II	16	-249	21
Wimborne III	16	-370	6
North Dorset III	17	-369	-1

Bridport 18 U9 Lytchett Minster 6

THIS was another fantastic performance from Bridport with all the players fully engaged and brimming with enthusiasm.

Over two excellent games Bridport beat Lytchett Minster by 18 tries to six.

Charles Edwards (5), Barney Johnson (3), Man-of-the-Match Dom Burdett (3) Stanley Copper (3), Charlie Brake (2) and Henry Everitt (2) all crossed the whitewash.

Honiton 12 U14 Bridport 26

THE young Blues travelled to Honiton and despite the pitch being heavy underfoot they were not deterred.

Winning the toss, they decided to play up the slope, giving their hosts a slight advantage in the first half.

From the kickoff Honiton failed to secure the ball and Bridport took advantage and the resulting Bridport pressure paid off with a try for Henry Knight under the posts, which was converted by Joe O'Hagan.

From the restart Honiton managed to put some good phases of play together and scored their opening try.

This was followed by another unconverted score leaving the Blues trailing.

At the start of the second half the Bridport started to recycle the ball better and used the width of the field to their advantage.This resulted in a well worked try for Toby Taylor, which went unconverted.

Further forward pressure saw Alfred Jovanovic score a try, for which O'Hagan added the extras.

With Honiton only a converted try behind, a tense finale ensued.

This was eased by Sam Roberts-Wray who touched down after hacking the ball towards the try line, with O'Hagan again converting.

Bridport 52 U12 Lytchett Minister 0

WITH the Blues up to full strength they were alert and keen to win the ball. They fought hard to win the breakdown, were first to the ball and quick to run the next phase.

It was not a perfect performance with too many knock on's and penalties given away, but their dominance masked these mistakes.

This was another great effort from the back line with six of the eight tries scored by Oliver Wills (3), Finlay Shoemark (2) and Harrison Weekes. Their opportunities were the result of a strong pack that won the majority of set play and the lose breakdown.

Ryan Phillips led by example scoring two individual tries.

However, Man of the Match went to loose head Lewis Ali.

Running

Charities to benefit from popular 10k run

MORE than 300 runners are expected to take part in the 2015 Weymouth Bay 10K charity fun run on March 22nd.

The popular annual event will see participants set out from the Riviera Hotel at Bowleaze Cove and run along the sea wall and the Esplanade to the ferry terminal before returning to Overcombe Corner for the finish.

The event is being organised as part of MCC Promotions 10K run series across the UK.

Race director Mark Caswell said: "Everyone taking part will attend a five-minute warm-up outside the hotel.

"Runners will then set off and do two laps of the green open space at Bowleaze before setting off into town to the ferry terminal and back to the finish at Overcombe Corner.

"Two charities will be benefitting from the event, Crohns and Colitis and Weymouth Cricket Club Youth Section, and we are hoping to raise hundreds of pounds for them.

"Runners can be accepted right up to and on the race day itself.

"It costs £11 each to enter and every runner gets a T-shirt and a medal while there will be trophies for the first three runners home."

WCC chairman John Ryan said: "We are very grateful to be chosen as one of the two causes to be backed by this event."

Anyone who wants more information or who would like to register can call Mark on 07977-831519.

■ **ON YOUR MARKS:** Personal trainer and event sponsor Claire Tuck (front) helps the official launch of the Weymouth bay 10Kcharity fun run at the Riviera Hotel.

■ **MATCH ACTION:** From Bridports RFC's (quartered shirts) 40-5 defeat against Weymouth & Portland last Saturday.

Bridport Skittles

CUP Fixtures for week beginning Monday, February 16th:

Mixed Fours - R2

Monday, February 16th

BRIDPORT FC: Rest of the Best; PC Tops; Rejects; Focus Four.

Wednesday, February 18th

BRIDPORT FC: Brookside; Fletchers Four; After Eights; Turkish Delights.

Division A	Pld	Pts
Wanderers	11	20
Rejects	12	18
Rockets	13	16
Shipfaced	11	16
Masters	11	14
Rough Eight	12	12
Denhay	12	11
Lively Lads	12	10
Outsiders	11	10
Slingers	13	6
The Dingles	9	4
Broadoak	13	3

Division B	Pld	Pts
Nelson Nobblers	12	22
U Know the Blokes	13	21
Dingbats	13	18
NBC	13	16
Originals	12	14
Crazy Gang	13	10
Gerryatrics	12	10
LHS	13	10
Miss The Ball	13	10
7" Clock	12	8
Bangers	11	7
Mean Machine	13	4

Division C	Pld	Pts
Countrymen	13	22
Castouts	13	20
Bulldogs	13	18
Whiskey Chasers	12	17
Pioneers	12	16
Strawpeedoes	13	13
Pinseekers	13	11
Aussies Lot	13	10
Alcoholics	13	8
Survivors	13	8
Unknowns	13	8
AFAR	13	3

Division D	Pld	Pts
Alleycats	13	18
Yo Yo's	12	18
Groundhogs	10	16
Stinger	13	16
Offcuts	12	13
Brandy Snaps	12	12
Hidden Talent	12	12
Let 'em Roll	11	12
Featherbeds	12	10
Bad Girls	13	7
Pinbashers	12	6
Tiger Lilies	13	4

Highest individual League score; A.Coombes (Outsiders) and F.Parsons (Originals) & I Reeve (Miss the Ball) all 92.

Bees news

WITH STUART BROOM

Cards not falling for Bridport teams

Bridport 1 Cadbury Heath 1

Toolstation Premier – att; 54

JAMIE Symes ended Bridport's three game goal drought by putting the Bees ahead at a freezing cold St Mary's Field last week, but they had to settle for a point in the end with a late own goal from Chris Senior.

The Bees had an early let off when the visitors scored in the third minute, but it was disallowed for offside.

They went close on two other occasions before Bridport had a shot on goal through stand-in striker Shane Evans. Soon after visiting keeper Simon Crawford smothered Sean Stewart's shot on the line.

The Heathens replied and Bees keeper Ashley Weeks was forced to save from Sacha Tong before Senior blocked George Boon's effort.

They continued to take the game to Bridport after the break, but the introduction of subs Symes and Chris Clarke saw the Bees pick up their game, and Crawford produced two superb saved before Symes put the Bees ahead on 76 minutes with a header from Dan Wise's corner.

Matt Morley then hit the side netting before Matt Huxley should have done better in a one-on-one with Weeks.

However, they finally got their reward for their efforts in the last minute when Senior couldn't help but chest the ball in his own net under pressure from Huxley.

Bees boss fuming at red card decisions

WESTLAND SPORTS 6

BRIDPORT RESERVES 2

BRIDPORT Reserves suffered similar controversial refereeing decisions as their first team did at St Mary's Field, when they travelled to Westland Sports.

Russell Legg was red carded early on following an altercation with a Sports player where both received a yellow card following an exchange of words between the two. However, following intervention from the assistant, Legg was subsequently shown a red.

Bees manager Robin Townsend said that he saw Legg move his head towards his opponent but didn't see any contact, but realises the linesman may have seen more and that it was the right decision.

However, he was fuming later when Gary Bulman was brought down by the Sports keeper when clean through on goal, but whilst awarding a penalty the referee did not send the gloveman off.

"In everybody's opinion the goalie should have been sent off; it was a clear goal scoring opportunity which had been denied. If their keeper had been dismissed it could have been a different game."

Although Chris Herbst made no mistake from the penalty spot, it left Bridport a man short, and in the second half they paid for it as they tired.

Sports scored three times before the break to take the lead, but Bulman scored to give the Bees hope after they started the second period on top.

Ben Clarke then missed two great chances to have put Bridport ahead, before tiredness took over and Sports scored three more to add to Bridport's woe.

Townsend concluded: "If we had got to 3-3 and maybe gone 4-3 up then it could have been a different game. I can't blame the referee for the defeat overall, they were great going forward, and we didn't take our chances."

Bridport storm to final

BRIDPORT U15 6 WEYMOUTH 1

BRIDPORT eased into the Dorset County Cup Final for the second year running with a solid 6-1 win over local rivals Weymouth at St Marys Field.

The home side went into this game as solid favourites and they proved why on their day they are the best youth U15 team in Dorset.

Right from the off they got at the visitors with wave after wave of attacking. A late tackle on Tom Hyde, when clean through on goal, earned the home team a penalty which captain Jaydon Scadding converted.

This opened the floodgates and further goals from Callan Lowden, Dane James, Tommy Craven and a brace for Samuel Handyside saw the home side power out of sight.

Weymouth did secure a consolation goal but it was always Bridport's day and they now go on to meet Branksome United looking for revenge for a 1-0 defeat in last year's final.

Foiled by late equaliser

BOURNEMOUTH POPPIES U18 1
BRIDPORT YOUTH 1

FOR the second time this season Bridport Youth saw two points snatched away by a last gasp goal.

Back in September, a deserving Westland Sports made it 3-3 on the final whistle; on Sunday a 10-man Bournemouth Poppies headed a draw with just seconds to go.

The match was a scrappy affair as both teams struggled to get the ball under control on the decidedly uneven surface.

Bridport's Sam Tabner and Jonah Ayunga both had good chances on goal early in the game but were foiled as the ball bobbled as they took aim.

At the other end, the ball spent much of the goalless first half out of play as the home team's attempts to get the ball on target went wildly wide.

Early in the second half Bridport were rewarded for a period of pressure with a penalty after Sam Tabner was brought down in the box. Tabner made no mistake from the spot.

Despite several good chances the visitors failed to score a second and were handed a further advantage when the Poppies' manager sent off one of his own players who was then summoned back from the dressing room to be sent off again by the referee!

Seemingly unfazed, the home team won a free kick out on the left wing in the last minute and sent their whole team including the keeper into the box.

Bridport failed to pick up all the players and could only watch as the ball was headed into the net for the equaliser.

Bridport Manager Terry Warren said: "It's desperately disappointing to lose two points so late in the game but we'll pick ourselves up for next week.

"On the positive side it was good to have Harry Craddock and Tanaka Mawoneyi back after illness and injury."

County progress for Ladies

BRIDPORT BOWLS CLUB

BRIDPORT Ladies are flying up the County League after a string of good results, the latest being a 50-40 win against EAST DORSET for six of the eight points.

Francis Hewett, Jan Tattershall, Pat Cornick & Margaret Clapp shot into a 20-2 lead after just nine ends, finally winning 30-15 while Pamela Daters, Liz Walker, Ann Turtell & Sue Walsh lost 20-25.

Sandra Hargett, Beryl Stork, Mel Hargett & Mike Fletcher were the only winning rink in Bridport's friendly against DORCHESTER (23-16).

Sylvia Fletcher, Erica Sarson, Brian Pratt & Phil Hedges, Nova Varney, Gerry Moss, Barbara Jenkins & Brian Baker, and Brian Parker, Peter Varney, Mary Hansford & Keith Jenkins going down 11-16, 11-21 and 10-17 respectively.

At SIDMOUTH Lyn and Peter Sandall, David Aylott & Mike Craddock came close to a win, their opponents scoring a three count on the final end to edge home 22-23.

The Hargett's Parker and Baker were taking a pasting, 3-28 down after 16 ends, but a fighting finish saw them claw it back to 13-28.

In the County Mixed League Bridport roared to an overall 99-66 win over the DOLPHIN (Poole).

Lyn Craddock, Liz Walker, Barry Mapson & Brian Rumble, and Viv Gill, Mike Craddock, and Sue & Brian Walsh recording fine 22-10 & 28-20 away wins.

Joan and Mel Griffiths, Ann Parkins & Brian Legg, and Erica Sarson, Brian Pratt and Laura & Bob Taylor winning at home 28-14 & 21-20 for maximum points.

Aiming for a flyer!

◆ RALLY kings Rex Ireland from Axminster and Bridport's Adrian Scadding are hoping to make the same kind of start to the 2015 season as last year when they compete in the opening round of the BRDTA Rally on Saturday. Last year they completed an almost faultless run in the 44-mile long Wyedean Forest Rally in their 1977 Ford Escort and hope that they can do the same again around the route which will utilise the seldom used stages in the Forest of Dean and Lower Wye Valley.

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Lyme Regis Golf

Back nine bonanza

By Richard Jackman

IN the February medal the windy conditions affected many good golfers, but not so young Stuart Wight who kept his nerve on the back nine with four birdies to get his handicap back down to scratch.

This was a remarkable achievement from Stuart who has only been playing golf for less than four years. His net 72 was enough to win Division One from Andrew Dawe, net 73 and Brian Rees – 74.

However the best net score of the day went to Colin Baker in Division Two, whose no nonsense round earned him an excellent net 71 points, six shots clear of Brian Deem, 77 with Matthew Brotherton taking 3rd – net 79.

In the February seniors' stableford, Paul Galloway's gritty 39 points won Division One from Mike D Hankey – 37 and Peter Tinsley's 36.

40-point haul

Division Two had the highest score of the day as Paul Millard played some steady golf to earn 40 points, and a return to division one, with Dave Dallas just beating Bernie Porter, both 37 points, on countback.

The ladies enjoyed an 11-hole fun competition, none more so than Silver Division winner Caroline Baker, 22 points and Bronz Division winner Corinne Jones 24 points.

Ellie Langford 20 points and Lizzie Linnert 21 points were runners up.

Horse Racing

Ugolin makes promising hurdles debut

UGOLIN DE BEAUMONT made an impressive debut over hurdles at Exeter on Sunday, confirming trainer Bob Buckler's initial thoughts that the seven-year old could become one of the most promising prospects in the stable *writes Stuart Broom*.

His second place behind Sir Ivan in the Huge Cheltenham Offer At 32RedSport.com 'National Hunt' Novices' Hurdle over 2m3f showed that his talent is beginning to show through after finishing second in the bumper at Chepstow over the Christmas holidays behind the highly rated Ghost River.

The 20/1 shot was held up in touch on the outside at Exeter before starting his challenge four out.

He had every chance with three to jump, and although staying on finished 21/4 lengths down on the winner.

Meanwhile, BALLYEGAN continued his impressive form with two more second placed finishes, meaning he has been placed 15 times in his 33 races to date.

Moving up to take second before the last in the 2m7f Haldon Handicap Hurdle at Exeter three weeks ago, he was unable to make any impression on Aroseforoscar in the run in.

A change of tactics at Taunton last week saw him lead from the start in the 3m handicap hurdle, before being headed two out.

However, despite rallying to regain second, he could not overhaul The GeeGeez Geegee who won by 1¾ lengths.

TINKER TIME failed to continue his excellent form at Exeter in the Cheltenham Day One Madness At 32Red Graduation Chase over 3m when he made a mistake at the 13th and finished last.

Bridport & District Darts

Division One	Pld	Pts
BSC	15	26
Knapp Inn	15	20
Robs Robbers	15	19
Nomads	14	17
Outsiders	15	17
Nags Head A	15	14
Hands of Time	14	13
Rubber Johns	14	13
It's in the Middle	14	10
The Hitmen	14	8
One for the Vikings	15	3

180s leaders: Tony Young x6, Terry Prowse x5, Mark Fisher, Graham Knight, Ben Grainger & Steve Smith all x4, eight players x3.

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Young Darters	13	23
Dat Team	14	20
Elders	14	19
Odds or Us	13	17
Les Miserables	13	16
Poachers	13	13
Royal Hawks	13	9
Anchor Vale Viewers	13	7
Flashes Fives	13	5
The Surgeons	13	3

180s leaders: P.Rowley x4, Robin Townsend & Andy Reid both x3, Len Challis & Simon Warry both x2, five players x1.

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Otter Rotters	15	21
Midnight Runners	15	19
Time Bombs	14	17
Inbetweeners	13	16
Mis Fit	14	16
Anchor Five	13	15
Only Just	15	10
Odds & Sods	12	8
The Royal Nuts	13	7
Tip Top Odds	12	7

180s leaders: Chris Eaton x3, Paul Bearpark & Andre Reynolds both x2, seven players x1.

Division Four	Pld	Pts
Robbie's Rebels	14	20
No Direction	13	18
Tiger Bees	13	18
Sorted Odds	15	17
Dodgers	13	16
Whamo	14	15
Con Artists	12	11
Red Arrows	14	8
Money Shotz Mafia	14	7
Mozzies Heroes	14	6

180s leaders: Billy Hallett, Paul Norman, Dan Rawlings, Bob Rendell & Andy Page (all x1).

Ladies Division One	Pld	Pts
Tender Trap	18	34
Anchor Aces	18	26
Clocking In	18	26
Knight 'n' Gals	18	20
Against the Odds	18	16
Queen Bees	18	14
Queenies of the Club	18	4
Cliff Hangers	18	4

180s: Janet Collins & Tina Dawe & Sarah Chick all x3, Sharon Poole, Liz Vowells & Sue Violet all x1.

Ladies Division Two	Pld	Pts
Castaways	16	25
Sue's Rebels	16	24
Tracey's Tarts	16	22
Next Door	16	18
Wildcats	16	14
Good Mates	16	14
Tiger Stripes	15	10
Anchors Aweigh	15	10
Charlie's Angels	16	5

180s leaders: L.Sweet x1

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Challenge Cup campaign over

by Howard Larcombe
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LYME Regis Reserves' debut in the Challenge Cup competition ended with a 4-1 defeat on an awful sub-standard surface at Shepton Beauchamp.

Sam Bevis scored the consolation goal for the Ressies who have no fixture on Saturday.

There was better news from the Bantams who made it back-to-back wins with Shaun Stewart and New Zealand-bound Rhys Evans on target in a 2-1 victory at Pymore.

The Lyme third string have an opportunity to make a hat-trick of three-point hauls when they visit Forton Rangers at the weekend.

The two teams battled out a 1-1 draw in the reverse fixture back in early November.

Despite having no fixture on Saturday, Lyme Regis first team's hopes of clinching promotion from the Devon & Exeter League Division Three received a boost with the news that rivals Woodbury had been beaten 2-1 at midtablers Clyst Valley Reserves.

This, added to leaders Exmouth Town Reserves being held to a 2-2 draw at in-form Chagford, will give the Seasiders a lift ahead of Saturday's visit by bottom-of-the-table Pinhoe (3pm ko).

new signings

View Sport understands that the Seasiders' squad is set to be boosted by the signing of two attacking midfielders.

One is former Bridport Reserves player Rob Condliffe, the other is as yet unconfirmed with transfer procedures currently taking place.

Meanwhile a depleted UPLYME went down to a 4-0 defeat at Thorncombe ahead of Saturday's crucial relegation six-pointer at drop rivals Beaminster Reserves.

Uplyme Reserves were knocked out of the Reg Eglon Cup at the first hurdle as they were beaten 6-2 at Winsham United Reserves.

The two teams meet again in a Division Four league game at Venlake on Saturday.

CHARMOUTH had no fixture on Saturday and frustratingly are once again clicking their heels this coming weekend.

◆ **FUTURE FAVOURITES AT THE FORT:** Lyme Regis Football Club's new under 10s team made their bow with a first ever organised match in a friendly against Honiton at the Anning Road last Saturday. The club is hopeful that many of these youngsters will be trotting out at their Davey Fort headquarters in the not-too distant future.

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